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# Asia first, then the world — that's Rudi's plan

By  
LAURIE  
SCHWAB



Johan Cruyff (left) and Franz Beckenbauer shake hands before the 1974 World Cup final. We must develop idols like them who youngsters can look up to, says Gutendorf.



South Melbourne's George Campbell (right), one of the contenders for the Best Under 21 player award, is fouled by Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Nigel Lownds.

The Socceroos may tour Asia next year as the first step towards qualifying for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain, national coach Rudi Gutendorf said last week.

Gutendorf said the tour would help him mould a squad with the qualities necessary to survive the 1981 World Cup qualifying rounds.

"Ideally, of course, we should undertake a tour of Europe," he said.

"However, there would be difficulties arranging such a tour, as there is a winter break in Europe and of course we couldn't leave during our Australian season."

"Therefore, we are working on an Asian tour. After all we will have to meet Asian teams in the qualifying matches."

## We'll make it

"Make no mistake. We will make it to Spain. Australia reached the finals in West Germany in 1974, so there is no reason that we can't do it again."

"We will have a lot of opposition from the oil-rich nations of the Middle East."

"The Sheikhs of these nations have it in their power to naturalise star players from overseas virtually overnight and thus make them eligible for their particular national team."

"This will present us with an enormous problem but from what I saw of the Australians in 1974, they have great potential and a fierce will to win."

"I will direct every endeavour and make every sacrifice for my product, and that product is the Australian national team."

Gutendorf said it was important for Australian soccer to develop idols like Franz Beckenbauer and Johan Cruyff who young players can look up to.

## Let's have idols

"The only way such idols can be created is by having a national team that will qualify for the World Cup finals in 1982," he said.

"If we can do this, we will give youngsters the inspiration to take up soccer and to become stars, just like the Socceroos."

"They will see the game on television, they will wonder at the ability of the national players and they will have no aim for the future."

Gutendorf was in Melbourne last week to meet the Press before travelling on to Sydney which will be his home for at least the next two years.

He is in charge of the national team until after the 1981 World Cup qualifying games and for the finals should Australia get that far.

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## McGachey best in Adelaide

West Adelaide captain Neil McGachey is Adelaide's Player of the year.

The South Australian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) selected him in a recent ballot.

McGachey will be presented with a trophy as the ASPA annual dinner.

The award was only for members of Adelaide's two PSL clubs.

McGachey recently won 'THE ADVERTISER' newspaper's player of the year award, worth \$1000.

John Karaklathor of Beograd was elected best State League player by the ASPA members. — MENO TOUTSIDIS

## MLADENOVIC!

Former Footscray J.U.S.T. and Victorian State star Vero Mladenovic has returned from a trip to Yugoslavia in time to line up for Tarax in the Industrial League Black Douglas Cup final against Bowater Scott at Middle Park on Sunday.

A two-page preview on the Cup final appears on pages 10 and 11.

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## Stars vie for crown

By Peter Scott

Kenny Boden, Neil McGachey, Jack Reilly, John Stevenson and Roberto Vieri are just five of the great names of Australian soccer who will be seeking Jimmy Rooney's crown as the 1978 Phillips League Player of the Year.

And they don't have long to wait before finding out, as the prestigious award will be presented for the second time in a glittering ceremony at Sydney's Wentworth Hotel on October 12.

After its debut in Melbourne last year, when Marconi skipper Rooney got the nod from Australia's soccer writers, this year's

award will again be decided by the votes of members of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA).

Each participating journalist will be asked to name three players in order of preference, with points awarded in descending order.

The prestige function is being organised by the NSW branch of the ASPA, with its president MARTIN ROYAL acting as compere of the evening.

Phillips, together with TAA, was deeply involved in making last year's first Player of the Year

function a success and will again help to foot the bill.

There are hopes that Channel 10 will televise part of the night.

As well as the major award, several other trophies will be presented on October 12.

These include the PSL Under 21 Player of the Year, won by John Kosmina in 1977, PSL Coach of the Year (Rale Rasic last year) and the new category of Referee of the Year.

While the under 21 and referees' field is wide open, Hakoah's Gerry Cheldi and West Adelaide's Jim Adam are considered to be the main contenders for Rasic's mantle.

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From left: Neil McGachey, Roberto Vieri (candidates for the Player of the Year award), Gerry Cheldi, Jim Adam (chasing the coaching crown).

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## Two up in 1981

Promotion of two teams to the State League, instead of one, is almost certain to start at the end of the 1981 Victorian season.

VSF chairman **Michael Weinstein** has recommended the change to the board of management. It is understood that a majority of State League clubs favors the change.

The proposal will be put to the VSF annual meeting on October 26.

Metropolitan League clubs have been fighting for many years for "two-up, two-down."

However, the proposal has always been rejected by the State League clubs.

# ELEVEN ALBION PLAYERS FREE

Eleven players from Albion Leyland are on the market, waiting for the transfer season to open on December 1.

The Victorian Soccer Federation Tribunal ruled last week that nine Albion players be given free transfers because the club had broken its contracts with them. They are defenders **Danny**

**McCluskey** (ex-Hellas), **Jim Daporis** (ex-Hellas), goalkeeper **Jeff Oliver**, midfielders **Kit Grechan** (ex-Celtic), **Derek Doolan** (ex-George Cross), **Gordon Bentley** (ex-Melbourne)

## ...and Ringwood may lose five

and strikers **Noel Mitten** (ex-Hellas), **Bill McCormack** (ex-Celtic) and **Alan Quinn** (ex-Hellas).

Striker **Bill McIntyre** (ex-Croatis, Hellas and Makedonia) and defender **Frank Campbell** (ex-Slavic and Makedonia) have agreed to wait until November 15 to give Albion a chance to raise the money it owes them.

If they are not paid by then, McIntyre and Campbell will also be transferred free. The Tribunal made its decision after hearing from the players that Albion owes them a total of about \$8000 in wages and signing-on fees.

The Tribunal found that Albion had broken its contracts with the players.

Meanwhile, **Ringwood City** is likely to lose talented right back or midfielder **Keith Adams**, goalkeeper **Paul Wilding** (ex-Mooroolbark), centre back **David Garthwaite** and

midfielders **Brian Thom** and **Willie Coulson**.

Player-coach **Brian Carnaby** is also reported to be leaving although this report has not yet been confirmed.

**Adams**, **Wilding**, **Garthwaite**, **Coulson**, **Thom** and left back **Ron Verniers** were dropped from last Saturday's final State League match against Sunshine City.

They were told to report at the ground at mid-day for the reserves match.

Players at first said they had heard the club wanted to transfer them.

Club president **John van Hoboken** later denied this.

However, **Adams**, **Coulson** and **Garthwaite** told "Soccer Action" that they are now seeking transfers and that other players also wanted to leave.

# Fit Boyle ponders his future

Midfielder **Peter Boyle** has completed his contract with **West Adelaide** and is undecided about his future.

Boyle, 27, who played for Clyde in Scotland before coming to Australia early last year, said he and his wife may return to Scotland, either for a holiday or for good.

"If we went back, it would be in December, but nothing's certain yet," Boyle said.

Asked whether he would play for West Adelaide next year if he decided to stay in Australia, Boyle said:

"It depends on the offers. West Adelaide has said it will offer me new terms, so we'll have to wait and see."

Contrary to an impression that may have been created by a story in "Soccer Action" two weeks ago, Boyle does not have cancer.

There were fears last year that an illness Boyle had may have been cancer.

The illness baffled many medical experts and took a long time to diagnose.

However, it was finally discovered that the illness was not cancer. Boyle was treated, and made a full recovery.

He is now 100 per cent fit and looking forward to next season whenever he may be playing.

Meanwhile, Boyle is among the candidates for the Australian Soccer Press Association Player of the Year award.

"Soccer Action" asked him this week to name the most talented opponent he has played against this year.

"Without doubt it was **John Stevenson** of **Hakoah**. In my opinion he is one of the best midfielders in Australia," Boyle said.

## Amateur league for Victoria

The Victorian Soccer Federation will form a new 12-team amateur league next season.

It is now calling applications from clubs willing to join the league.

Preference will be given to applicants from the highest existing leagues.

In other words, a State League applicant would be accepted ahead of one from the First Division, and so on.

Existing leagues will undergo change as teams that leave to join the amateur league are replaced.

The amateur league should attract clubs that are finding it too difficult to exist in other semi-professional leagues.

As these clubs withdraw from semi-professional ranks, doors will open to new clubs with the support and the resources to do well in a semi-professional set-up.

Players in the amateur league will have to comply with the meaning of "amateur" as defined by the Australian Olympic Committee.

The new league will, in fact, make it a little easier for Australia to enter future Olympic Games although amateur players can, of course, come also from professional clubs.

State and an Australia-wide amateur Cup competitions are being planned. — **LAURIE SCHWAB**

## HANSEN GOING?

South Melbourne **Hellas** goalkeeper **John Hansen** is expected to return to Europe.

Hansen played the early part of the season in the first team but was later replaced by **Jack Reilly**.

Hansen is a former Danish international who was recruited from Swedish club **Helsingborg** early this year.

## Macedonians in Cup series

The **Makedonia Cup '78**, a knock out competition for Macedonian-backed soccer clubs, will be played over the last two weekends in September.

**Preston Makedonia** has put up 1,000 in prize money, and will invite five other clubs to compete at the State League club's **Conor Reserve** in Reservoir.

It's hoped that it will become an annual event for the Macedonian community in Victoria.

teams eliminated. The following Saturday, September 30, the semi-finals and the final will be played.

The four teams which reach the semi-finals will be guaranteed prize money. The competition winner will receive \$500, with \$250 for second, \$150 for third and \$100 for fourth.

Games will be half an hour each way, with penalty kicks used in the event of a drawn game.

The first game kicks off at 12.30 pm on September 23.



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## Palinkas returns

**ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Paris J. Nykhus) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 3 (Ristovski, Vasic, Picoles)** at Olympic Sports Field, PSL friendly match, crowd 2138.

**ADELAIDE City:** Marshall, B. Nykhus, Bask, Lister, Tang, Paris, Matic (Northcott), Matic, J. Nykhus, Deane, Maracchi.

**J.U.S.T.:** Ristovski, Kondorovic, Ristic, Kazi, Rajovic, Nikolic, Picoles, Pichan, Krievic 78th, Vasic 75th, Ristovski.

**Footscray J.U.S.T. winger Joe Palinkas** returned after injury for this match, which served as a warm-up for Adelaide City's Phillips Cup quarter-final against Essendon Croatia in Melbourne on Sunday.

**Dale Deane** helped set up a goal for **John Parn** which put Adelaide City into the lead.

After the interval, goals by **Mendo Ristovski** and **Dragon Vasic** gave J.U.S.T. a 2-1 lead before **John Nykhus** made it 2-2.

**Joe Picoles** scored the winner for J.U.S.T.

Best players were **Andrija Ristic**, **Jim Kondorovic** and **John Nicolaides** for J.U.S.T. and **Deane**, **Parn** and **Bugay Nykhus** for Adelaide City.

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## Mueller sinks Cosmos

**MUNICH, West Germany. — A 75,000 capacity crowd watched Bayern Munich beat New York Cosmos 7-1 in a friendly soccer match here.**

**Gerd Mueller** hit a fine hat-trick to give Bayern a 3-0 interval lead. **Karl-Heinz Rummenigge** and **Norbert Janzon** scored two goals in the second half to complete the Bayern goal festival.

Former Italian international **Giorgio Chinaglia** prevented a whitewash for Cosmos by scoring his team's only goal in the 70th minute. The multi-national Cosmos squad showed some neat technical tricks but had no answer to the rampaging Munich forwards, urged on from midfield by **Paul Brietner**.

**Franz Beckenbauer**, who captained Bayern before his transfer to Cosmos, did his best to get his forwards moving with pinpoint passes, but his teammates either could not or would not fall in with his ideas and the "Kaiser" was often reduced to arm-waving despair. English right-winger **Dennis Tuert** was New York's best player.

## Stars seek crown

From page one

Some interstate controversy surrounded the award categories and the method of voting. ASPA's Victorian branch wanted to retain the category of Team of the Year, which was voted for last year.

They also wished to see nominations entered for six players in each category, the reasoning being that this would generate added interest, with more players involved in the "Award Stakes."

The NSW organisers decided against both suggestions.

They believe that the league champions are the "real team of the year", while administrative difficulties were cited for the decision to vote for three players only in each category.

However, the standardisation of award categories in future years will be one of the subjects which will be discussed at a meeting of ASPA presidents and secretaries from all States, when they meet the NSW ASPA executive committee in the hours before the ceremonies of October 12.

It is hoped that a loose national body of soccer writers will also be established at the meeting, with the presidency each year rotating to the State which is due to hold

the Player of the Year award.

NSW is expected to propose that the ASPA administrative secretary continue to reside in the city which accommodates PSL headquarters — presently Sydney. National awards will not be the only ones presented on October 12.

Winner of the NSW Player of the Year **Wedgewood Bowl**, open to entries from either the PSL or the State League, and the NSW Federation Rothmans State League Under 21 Player of the Year award, presented by the NSW branch of the ASPA, will also be announced, decided by a ballot of Sydney soccer writers.

The major NSW award is now in its third year, having been won by **Doug Utjesenovic** of St George and **Jimmy Rooney** of Marconi in the past two seasons.

In the NSW State League Under 21 category inaugurated in 1977, **Craig Hall** of Sutherland was the first winner.

Wedgewood, long-time supporters of soccer in NSW, go national this year, as they will provide the trophy for PSL Player of the Year, with other awards sponsored by News Limited, John Fairfax, Soccer World and Tallerman and Co.



# HAIL HAKOAH!

Due to lack of space Mike Johnson's column has been omitted this week. Johnson will be back next week with a tribute to Newcastle's KEN BODEN. Don't miss it.

## Stars will turn out for Adams



A Victorian All Star team, which will include Footscray JUST winger Mendo Ristovski and have Fitzroy's Alexander's Pat Bannon as coach, will play Preston Makodonia in a testimonial for leg break victim Lou Adams (pictured).

Adams, who was imported from England by Preston at the start of the season, suffered a severe break in an Ampol Cup game against Altona City in February.

It's now seven months since the tragic accident, and Adams' leg is still in plaster.

The game will be played on October 7, at Connor Reserve, Reservoir.

The all-star squad includes: Ken Taylor, Jim Campbell, Pat Bannon, Bob Provan, Arthur McMillan, Jim Tansley, Jim O'Reilly (Alexander), Alan Kerr, Tommy Cumming (Croatia), Hans van der Poel, Alan Davidson (Altona) and Mendo Ristovski (U.S.S.T.)

## Byrne to stay at Canberra

By JOHNNY WARREN

Canberra City's talented 19-year-old striker Terry Byrne will sign a new two year contract after all.

Thanks to the support of his current employer and ardent City fan Tony Paala, Canberra City is able to bring Byrne back to Australia in time for pre-season training after the youngster returns to England to visit family and friends shortly.

For mine Byrne must figure prominently in the Australian Sportsman under 21 player of the year award.

City also signed one of its outstanding youngsters Joe Arquero to professional forms last week.

Arquero's father Joe Senior is a former Spanish second division player who also played with South Coast United in the mid sixties.

City appear certain to be without Australian schoolboy international Danny Moulis and Mike Milovanovic for the PSL Cup match in Canberra against Fitzroy next Sunday.

Milovanovic was allowed to visit relatives in Yugoslavia following the schoolboys tour to North America during which time he will be training with Red Star Belgrade.

Moulis returned from North America carrying a troublesome back injury.

Moulis is also certain to be unavailable for the Australian under 19 internationals in New Zealand due to final year school examinations.

Canberra City is sending an under 21 team to Tasmania in October to play a series of friendly matches.

The City side will be under the control of Victor Fernandez and will include young players who have played in the PSL this year.

These include Mike Milovanovic, Johnny Davies, Bernie Lustica, David Lind-

## HAKOAH 4 (Smith, Watson, Trenter, Campbell) MARCONI 2 (Ollerton Vieri) at Sydney Sports Ground; Crowd: 9136.

Player ratings by John Taylor:  
Hakoah: Clarke 7, Mullen 6, Souasse 6 (Kershaw 8.5th), O'Connor 7, Trenter 8, Stevenson 8, Barnes 8, Campbell 8, Watson 8, Smith 7, Silva 7.  
MARCONI: Maher 5, Degney 8, Russell 8, Prako 7, Selva 8 (Brogan 5.5th), Rooney 7, Vieri 8, Jankovic 8, Sharpe 8, Ollerton 8, Mariani 8.

When Hakoah go on a goalscoring rampage they certainly do it in style.

In just six dramatic minutes at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday the Philips grand final trophy was in safe keeping.

Marconi were knocked groggy when first Joe Watson made it 2-1 for Hakoah in the 38th minute, then Mark Trenter made it 3-1 in the 41st minute and Ernie Campbell took it to 4-1 in the 44th minute.



Marconi goalie Allan Maher under pressure from Mark Trenter. Stuart Selva (right).

By John Taylor

his future representative claims. After the match Marconi fans were blaming Maher for three of the goals.

Marconi were expecting so much from fullback Paul Degney and speedy winger Peter Sharpe - but both had disappointing games.

In fact, Marconi were best served by Roberto Vieri and centre forward Peter Ollerton.

Vieri looked dangerous early and created the opening goal, scored by Ollerton in the 23rd minute.

But once Hakoah put the shutters on Vieri there was little Marconi could do.

Ollerton was one of the few Marconi players heavily involved in the game.

Marconi coach Rale Rasic offered no excuses for the defeat.

After the match he said: "I thought we had the match won after we scored the first goal."

He went on: "We simply made too many mistakes and we paid the penalty."

The goalkeeping was poor but there were players who didn't produce the goods.

Probably Rasic's biggest mistake was to play Mark Jankovic.

Jankovic played in midfield and Stuart Selva at right back.

Jankovic looked unfit although Rasic didn't agree.

He contributed little and so much depended on Vieri and Jimmy Rooney to take the game to Hakoah.

For a while it looked as if Marconi might do just that.

Hakoah hung off Vieri when the Italian created the opening goal - but the boys in Blue didn't let it happen again.

Barnes and Trenter were Hakoah's outstanding players.

Barnes was aggressive as ever and featured in some lovely build-up with Stevenson and Campbell.

Hakoah's win was even more meritorious considering they were without two experienced defenders in captain Henry Mowbray and centre back Eddie Thomson.

Mowbray was a last-minute withdrawal and Hakoah coach Gerry Chaldi decided to play Ian Souasse at left back.

Even Souasse took the field with a pain killing injection for a sore foot.



It's a goal ... Hakoah sweeper Mark Trenter (centre) scores with a header to put his team ahead 3-1 against Marconi in the grand final at Sydney Sports Ground. At left is Stuart Selva.

But it was Trenter, the stand-in sweeper for Thomson, who was the star of the Hakoah defence.

He was strong in the air and never allowed Sharpe space to cause trouble.

Trenter also scored Hakoah's third goal - probably the one which really nailed the lid on the Marconi coffin.

Unfortunately Trenter was one of four players booked by Adelaide referee Don Campbell.

Ernie Campbell also received the yellow card, while Marconi's central defenders Ivo Prako and John Russell had their names recorded.

This is how the goals came: ● 23rd minute - Vieri's magic touch saw Ollerton draw out Todd Clarke and it was 1-0 Marconi.

● 25th minute - Hakoah hit back to equalise and a cross from Watson fell to captain Terry Smith who scored.

● 38th minute - Hakoah ahead 2-1. From a Stevenson corner Watson headed in.

● 41st minute - Another Stevenson corner and this time Trenter scores with a header.

● 44th minute - Hilton Silva hits the cross bar and it rebounds to the feet of Campbell. So it's 4-1 at half time and the game is really all over.

The only score of the second half came in the 60th minute when Hakoah goalie Todd Clarke spilled the ball and Vieri was on the spot to score the easiest goal of his career.

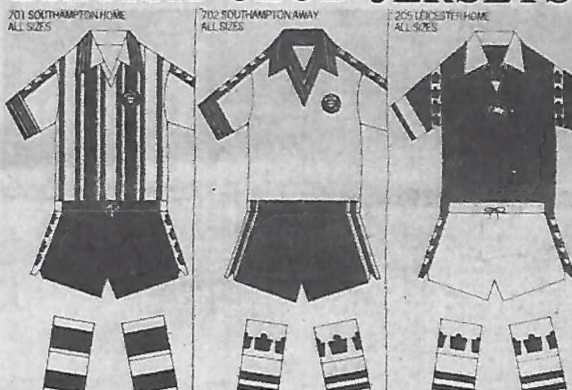
Despite being a goal down, Hakoah coach Chaldi said afterwards that he was never worried.

"Vieri was the danger man and once we put him out of commission I knew we were on our way," Chaldi said.

But Chaldi was rather surprised that the goals came so easily.

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UNDER 9 DIVISION 'A'

Moorebank	18	13	2	45	29
Dandenong	18	12	2	153	52
New City	18	12	4	35	24
Croydon	18	6	2	18	14
Ring City	18	7	0	18	14
New City	18	4	2	10	36
Waverley	18	1	2	1	21
FT Gully	18	0	2	16	40

UNDER 9 DIVISION 'B'

Moorebank	18	13	2	152	48
Moorebank	18	11	2	325	424
Moorebank	18	10	2	33	822
Moorebank	18	8	4	33	522
Moorebank	18	5	6	12	21
Moorebank	18	4	5	10	12
Moorebank	18	1	2	13	54
Moorebank	18	1	1	14	40

UNDER 10 DIVISION 'A'

Moorebank	18	14	3	132	431
Moorebank	18	12	5	145	28
Moorebank	18	14	1	241	22
Moorebank	18	10	1	18	19
Moorebank	18	7	4	7	27
Moorebank	18	7	1	26	27
Moorebank	18	5	3	12	43
Moorebank	18	5	2	11	32
Moorebank	18	3	15	4	36

UNDER 10 DIVISION 'B'

Dandenong	18	14	2	242	330
Dandenong	18	12	2	368	127
FT Gully	18	10	1	543	224
Moorebank	18	10	1	543	224
Moorebank	18	9	5	17	23
Moorebank	18	9	1	18	23
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UNDER 10 DIVISION 'C'

Dandenong	18	14	2	242	330
Dandenong	18	12	2	368	127
FT Gully	18	10	1	543	224
Moorebank	18	10	1	543	224
Moorebank	18	9	5	17	23
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Moorebank	18	5	10	22	37
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UNDER 11 DIVISION 'A'

Croydon	18	15	2	151	18
Croydon	18	14	3	147	31
Waverley	18	12	4	27	14
Ring City	18	8	7	5	23
New City	18	7	5	21	23
Moorebank	18	6	5	7	25
Moorebank	18	6	1	18	18
Moorebank	18	4	2	27	37
Moorebank	18	3	4	11	38
Moorebank	18	2	15	18	40

UNDER 11 DIVISION 'B'

Moorebank	18	15	3	140	18
Moorebank	18	12	2	41	18
Moorebank	18	10	2	37	14
Moorebank	18	8	7	5	23
Moorebank	18	7	5	21	23
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UNDER 11 DIVISION 'C'

Moorebank	18	15	3	140	18
Moorebank	18	12	2	41	18
Moorebank	18	10	2	37	14
Moorebank	18	8	7	5	23
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UNDER 12 DIVISION 'A'

Moorebank	18	15	2	146	12
Moorebank	18	12	2	30	14
Moorebank	18	8	4	12	29
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UNDER 12 DIVISION 'B'

Moorebank	18	15	2	146	12
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Moorebank	18	2	24	11	66

# JUNIOR STADIUMS

UNDER 9 DIVISION 'A'

Moorebank	18	13	2	45	29
Dandenong	18	12	2	153	52
New City	18	12	4	35	24
Croydon	18	6	2	18	14
Ring City	18	7	0	18	14
New City	18	4	2	10	36
Waverley	18	1	2	1	21
FT Gully	18	0	2	16	40

UNDER 9 DIVISION 'B'

Moorebank	18	13	2	152	48
Moorebank	18	11	2	325	424
Moorebank	18	10	2	33	822
Moorebank	18	8	4	33	522
Moorebank	18	5	6	12	21
Moorebank	18	4	5	10	12
Moorebank	18	1	2	13	54
Moorebank	18	1	1	14	40

UNDER 10 DIVISION 'A'

Moorebank	18	14	3	132	431
Moorebank	18	12	5	145	28
Moorebank	18	14	1	241	22
Moorebank	18	10	1	18	19
Moorebank	18	7	4	7	27
Moorebank	18	7	1	26	27
Moorebank	18	5	3	12	43
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UNDER 16 DIVISION 'A'

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# Gardiner: Why George Cross disappoints me

By KYLE PATTERSON

John Gardiner, one of the key figures in Essendon Croatia's (Vic) bid for Philips Cup glory, has no pretensions about his team's chances against Adelaide City in their quarter final at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The Scottish sweeper, who was player/coach of Croatia earlier this season and laid the foundations of the club's championship success, didn't hide his feelings when I spoke to him this week.

"I'd be very surprised if we won," he said frankly. "PSL sides are better equipped than us, so Adelaide City should win. Our team isn't playing very well at the moment, but at least we'll be the underdog for once."

Gardiner's comments aren't aimed at 'conning' Adelaide City. But he isn't a defeatist at heart either. It's just that after 10 years

at the top of Victorian soccer, his experience tells him it is not worth being over-optimistic.

So all you Croatian fans, don't start screaming! Gardiner is still dedicated to winning the game, however difficult that may seem to him.

By watching Gardiner play, you get a good insight into the man.

On the field, he's very much in control, playing with an almost arrogant efficiency. He's rarely ruffled or unsettled and is always thinking a move ahead.

Off the park, he's an astute thinker; shrewd without being calculating. Soccer dominates his life but because of his subdued manner, his enthusiasm and love for the game is not apparent.

The former George Cross star is involved in a big way with coaching and promotion of soccer in schools, as well as with established junior sides.

And in the off-season, it's five-a-side in the local park, organising ladies games and soccer barbecues with old friends.

But back to the Philips Cup game for a moment. Why is Croatia unlikely to do well?

## Croatia man not confident for cup game on Sunday

"If the Philips Cup were played last season," answered John, "all the State League teams would have had a big show. That was the first year of the PSL and all the clubs in the league were fresh out of the State League. But now, the PSL has opened up a considerable gap."

"It would be good for soccer if we could beat Adelaide City, but realistically, it's not on. Sydney Croatia proved to be an exception by beating Marconi, but overall, the PSL teams are on a much higher level."

"Essendon are going through a bit of a bad patch. I think there's too much chopping and changing going on."

Gardiner added that he thought he could do a better job for the team by playing midfield instead of sweeper.

"Everyone says I make the play at sweeper," said Gardiner, "but it's easy to play in the position when you have someone like Steve Kokoska alongside you."

It was a similar situation when I played sweeper with George Cross. I teamed up with Nor Maitland, who's like Kokoska. But I've never been recognised as a sweeper, and right now I'd like to switch back to midfield."

Midfield was the position Gardiner played when he went for a trial with English professional club Peterborough. He turned pro with that club, and his flatmate at the time was Jimmy Rooney, who went on to find fame in Australia, as Gardiner did.

Rooney was also with Peterborough for a period, and came out to Australia with Gardiner.

However, John failed to secure a place at Peterborough so returned home to his native Scotland. There he played a handful of games in the junior league before returning to professional soccer with East Fife.

He was with East Fife for 14 seasons, and then opted to go to Australia after receiving an offer from George Cross.

"I went to Australia solely for soccer," he said. "I was 20 at the time, and if you hadn't made it properly in pro soccer in Britain by that age, then you didn't have much of a future in the game."

Gardiner arrived in 1968 with his wife Margaret and his son, who was 18 months old at the time.

However, within a week he was to run into trouble that would plague his career with George Cross.

Most of the George Cross players went on strike because they had been with the club for only a short time. However, he later experienced similar grievances and walked out three times.

"The trouble was that the club refused to give me a contract," said John. "If we weren't paid for

a month, all we would do was strike."

"The usual thing was that supporters would come and see you after you walked out and give you some money to get you back. But what I wanted was a contract."

Some of the big names in the George Cross side when Gardiner arrived were Johnny Sanchez, Tom Robertson, Nick McCallum and Archie Campbell. A young goalkeeper named Lou Kastner, had just broken into the senior side, and went on to establish himself as one of the best. Gardiner has a high regard for Kastner.

"He's one of the greats," compliments Gardiner.

The year 1971 saw the start of John Gardiner's rise to fame. Despite missing the first seven matches as the result of a strike, he won the Rothmans Medal for the best and fairest player in the State League.

"It was totally out of the blue," said Gardiner. "I went along to the presentation night but never expected to win. We'd had a good year, I'll admit. After the strike was over, KEVIN WALKER, KASTNER and I returned to the team and John Pryde and Jim Smart were transferred. That started a run in which we lost only one of our remaining games (a round 15)."

However, it was the achievements of the following year which made history. Gardiner again won the Rothmans Medal, and also took off the Bill Fleming Medal.

He's the only player to win the Rothmans in successive years and shares with Jim Tansell of Fitzroy Alexander the unique honor of winning the Rothmans and Fleming Medals in the one year.

Of his 1972 achievement, Gardiner said, "It proved that my win in 1971 wasn't a fluke. But it was once again an unexpected thrill."

However, despite having Gardiner and many other fine players in the team, George Cross didn't win a championship until 1977, by which time Gardiner had left.

In fact, this season's championship success with Croatia is the first time Gardiner has been in a team which won its league.

George Cross won the Ampol Cup in 1974, and on a few occasions won the Noordene Cup. But the elusive State League championship did not come.

Three times the Cross finished runner-up. Then, in 1976, Gardiner made a decision to end his eight year association with George Cross.

"I gave the club a choice," said John. "Give me a contract or I'll leave. As usual, they fought all the way, and kept me out of the game from October until May."

After length negotiations, Gardiner joined Essendon Lions for \$6,500. Lions was the First Division at the time, and Gardiner's fee was a new record for a First Division club.

However, Gardiner said he would have been happy to stay with George Cross if the club's 11th hour offer of a contract had come sooner.

"One club member offered to underwrite a contract himself," said Gardiner, "but at that stage I'd already decided to move."

"I made a lot of friends at George Cross but since I've left I've been very disappointed with the club. Whenever I play against George Cross the fans abuse me something shocking. Even youngsters, six and seven years old come up and swear at me. Obviously their parents have influenced them."

"I think that sort of treatment is an injustice. I served the club for many years and that's all I get in return. It really annoys me."

After completing a season with Lions in the Metro League, Gardiner returned to Scotland for a holiday. On his return, he was in for a big surprise.

After playing for Lions (now known as Croatia) in the Ampol Cup and two State League games, Gardiner was sought by South Melbourne Hellas.

"It came right out of the blue," said John, "but I



Success for Gardiner! The Ampol Cup is held aloft by John Gardiner, who is hoisted shoulder-high by team mates George Train (left) and Drago Krajina. Essendon Croatia won the trophy in 1977, beating George Cross in the final.

jumped at the opportunity. I wanted another crack at the national team, and would have had more chance playing with Hellas than with Croatia."

"Essendon were pretty good about the whole thing, and agreed to release me for \$7,000 plus Howard Andrews and John Kennedy."

Hellas' previous biggest transfer fee (paid out) was \$10,000. Duncan Cummings (from Melbourne) and Graham French (from Mooroolbark) fetched that amount. However it was estimated that Andrews and Kennedy were worth \$4,000 making Gardiner's transfer fee \$11,000 — a new club record for Hellas.

Gardiner had been in the Soccer squad on four occasions but had never made an appearance. He was in the squad for the 1972 Asian Tour but failed to make the final 16.

However, any chance John had of catching the eye of Australian team coach Jimmy Shoulder was clouded by the poor form of the Hellas team. Gardiner found there were things drastically wrong with the team soon after he arrived.

"I did pre-season training with Essendon," said Gardiner, "and because I'd missed some of the work while I was in Scotland, I was always in the last bunch during sprints or any other running."

"But when I went to Hellas, I was one of the leaders at training. It was incredible that a PSL club's training was so easy at that stage of the year."

After playing his first game for Hellas, Gardiner found a distinct lack of effort among the players. He pointed this out.

"I said at the next training session: 'Look, no-one was trying on the weekend, but the coach and other players didn't listen.'"

Gardiner ended up playing 14 games with Hellas.

"My best games were against Adelaide City in Melbourne and Hakoah in Sydney," he said. "I played midfield most of the time, but near the end of the season I played sweeper for two games. We picked up three points from those games and I thought I did a good job."

But off the field, John found the PSL had drawbacks.

"I had no trouble with the playing standard," he said, "but the travelling was a problem. Often I'd have to be up at 6 am to get to Tullamarine Airport by 8.30 am. We flew interstate, played the game, then jumped back on the plane. Most times I got back about midnight."

"The club didn't look after the players too well. We'd be given a steak for lunch, but after the game

there was nothing provided for an evening meal."

"I'd never play in the PSL again unless I was full-time. It's just not worth it otherwise."

However, Gardiner's PSL playing days where ended involuntarily.

"I had a clash with the coach Con Xanthopoulos and he said to me: 'You'll never play for this club again,' said Gardiner. The clash happened at training. We argued over a point, and in the end I was proved right."

"I was going to go down to start training with Hellas this season, but the new man Dave MacLaren told me I wasn't wanted."

"It was obvious to me that he'd been told to get rid of me, but I thought I still had something to offer the club."

For the second time, Gardiner joined Croatia for \$6,500.

It's history that Duncan McKay was sacked as coach and replaced by Gardiner, and that Croatia won the Ampol Cup under the former Hellas man.

However, Gardiner later resigned because of interference from the committee, and was succeeded by Billy McArthur.

What does the future hold for John Gardiner?

"For a start I'm going to do my full coaching badge. I've done the preliminary course."

"I think I can continue playing State League for a few years to come. The standard isn't so good that I'll have to retire. But anyway, I'll have to talk to the club about my future."

"In the long term, I'd like maybe to become coach of a Provisional League team with a bit of financial backing and see if I can lift them up through the divisions."

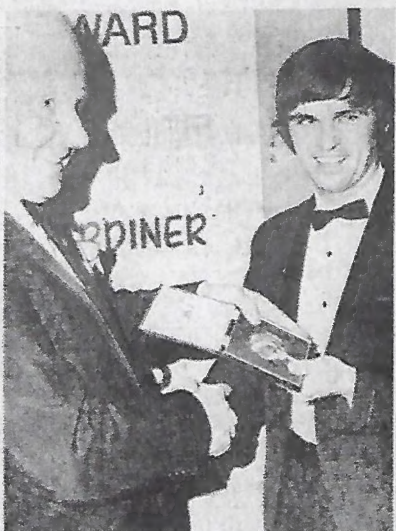
And what have been the biggest disappointments and thrills you have had from soccer?

"It's a thrill to win any honor, no matter how small. Winning the Rothmans Medal and the Fleming Medal was a good feeling but I also felt proud to be transferred for record amounts."


"Disappointments? There have been a few but the Victorian team has let me down a couple of times. Once I was due to play against Santos, and would have been marking Pale, but I was injured a week before the game."

"Twice Dundee have toured Australia and twice I've been dropped from the Victorian squad. Dundee's my home town, and I'd love to play against them."

No doubt John Gardiner is one of the best players yet seen in Victorian soccer.



Gardiner is presented with the 1971 Rothmans Medal by Sir David Hill-Wood, who was then president of the V.S.F.



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# Fitzroy looks to Cole, Buljevic

Fitzroy Alexander had the better of Canberra City until July, when Canberra took both points at Olympic Park due to a goal by Scottish guest player Peter Marinello from Motherwell.

It was a particularly bad day for Fitzroy. Jim Tansey, Pat Bannon, Ken Taylor, Gary Cole and others were right out of form.

Canberra, on the other hand, had great players not only in Marinello but also in goalkeeper Ron Tilsed, centre back Tony Henderson and midfielder Brian Stoddart.

Canberra and Fitzroy regard their Philips Cup quarter-final at Bruce Stadium on Sunday as their last chance to salvage an honour from the 1978 season.

After doing so well under coach John Margaritis, Fitzroy sank below the doldrums late in the season and the goal of reaching the top four remained only a dream.

Canberra finished second last — the same position as in 1977. It never lived up to the promise it showed early in the season when only bad luck prevented Canberra from turning some of its many home draws into victories.

Offers are pouring in for star players Tilsed and Henderson who will probably stay only if they can see a possibility of the team doing well in 1978.

And to do well, Canberra has to spend money on new players.

Until recently, Canberra's healthy gate takings have been used to subsidise its new social club. That establishment should be now standing on its own feet, meaning that any money available should now be used to build a team for 1978.

Coach Johnny Warren will go overseas at the end of the year to sign up recruits. Similarly, John Margaritis will travel to Europe to recruit players for Fitzroy.

Already, Fitzroy is interested in midfielder Jimmy Rooney of Marconi, and perhaps goalkeeper Lou Kastner from Kellor Australia, as Jim Marner is said to be returning to Scotland.

But all that is in the future. What about Sunday? On past results, Fitzroy holds

the edge. Of its four meetings with Canberra, Fitzroy has won two, drawn one and lost one, scoring 5 goals to 3 in the process.

Goalscorers in these matches have been: Fitzroy: 2, Cole, 1, Campbell, Buljevic, Taylor pen., Canberra: 1, Byrne, Marinello, Grujicic pen.

Best players over the four matches have been Henderson, Jim Cant, Brian Stoddart, John Brown and Roy Starke of Canberra and Jim Campbell, Arthur McMillan, Gary Cole and Branko Buljevic of Fitzroy.

The closest of the games between the two sides was their first PSL meeting in May, 1977 when Buljevic scored the winning goal in the 89th minute.

Canberra will be much stronger than in recent weeks, as John Brown has recovered from a broken arm and Danny Moulla and Mike Milovanovic have regained the positions they vacated when they went to North America

with the Australian schoolboys team.

Of its last eight PSL games, Fitzroy managed to win only two — against Sydney Olympic 3-1 and against Newcastle 1-0.

Before that eight-week period, Fitzroy lost only one match in 15 — against St George 0-2.

Canberra lost its last four league games to Marconi 0-2, Hakoah 1-2, Western Suburbs 0-1 and South Melbourne 0-3.

Be'vo'te that, however, Canberra had a good run of four successive victories — 4-0 v Brisbane City, 2-1 v Footscray J.U.S.T., 1-0 v Fitzroy and 2-1 v Brisbane Lions. In the first 18 games of the season, Canberra won only one game — 2-1 v Sydney Olympic — and drew 1-0.

And so, Fitzroy has the better form over the season.

The reason, as I see it, is that Fitzroy has proven goalscorers in Gary Cole, Branko Buljevic and Jim Campbell, who can make the most of Margaritis' coldly calculating counter-attack strategy.

Alexander plays a very disciplined game in defence and relies on Cole, Buljevic or Campbell getting the goals in breakaways.

Canberra has only two proven goalscorers — Terry Byrne and Ivan Grujicic — Byrne missed five games this year and Grujicic six.

They scored nine goals each in league games this year, whereas Campbell, Cole and Buljevic scored 29 between them.

Fitzroy may not have a central defender quite as commanding as Tony Henderson, but its full backs Arthur McMillan and Jim

Tansey are more experienced and battle-hardened than Canberra's 17-year-olds Danny Moulla and Mike Milovanovic who are extremely talented but still a little raw.

The logical assumption, therefore, is that Cole, Buljevic and Campbell will prove too difficult for Canberra to control. These three should manage to score the goals that will put Fitzroy through to the semi-final against the winner of the Essendon Croatia v Adelaide City match.



Jim Campbell



Ivan Grujicic

so far is a 2-1 victory over local rivals Brisbane Lions in the last round of the league.

Local recruit Barry Kelso and import David Ratcliffe from Bradford City in England have added strength to the City team, but there are still far too many gaps in the side.

The club is still negotiating for former Arsenal winger George Armstrong and a few other players. No doubt City will be stronger next season but in the meantime, it looks doomed to defeat on Sunday.

In fact, Hakoah is likely not only to beat Brisbane City, but to go on to win the Philips Cup.

Eddy Thomson, the former Aberdeen centre back, returns to the side after serving a one-week suspension and coach Barry Chelid is in the fortunate position

of having four forwards to choose for three positions — Watson, Silva, Terry Smith and Ernie Campbell. All are excellent players.

In defence Hakoah has possibly the best right back in Australia, Kevin Mullien, and one of the most promising — and certainly the fastest young centre back, in Steve O'Connor.

Add Murray Barnes, John Stevenson and Ian Souness in midfield and you have a team which, by Australian standards, is in super-class.

But soccer remains a game of ups and downs. Let's not forget that Brisbane City won the 1977 Philips Cup against another super-team, Marconi.

It may have been only on penalties, but the result remains a credit to City's fighting qualities.

## Brisbane yet to win

Previous PSL results between Hakoah-Easts and Brisbane City:

1978  
JULY: HAKOAH 2 (Campbell, Souness) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Wentworth Park, crowd 1023 (Goalie-header).  
Ratings by Peter Scott:  
HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 8, Thomson 6, O'Connor 7, Mowbray 8, Stevenson 7, Souness 7, Barnes 8, Watson 8, Campbell 8, Silva 7.  
BRISBANE CITY: Watson 8, Iozzoli 6, Tokes 8, Perry 7, Kibbey 6, Gaffney 6, Lavelle 6, Schwenke 7, Brunsdon 7, Marley 8 (Covins 73rd), Johnston 7.  
APRIL: BRISBANE CITY 0 HAKOAH 3 (Stevenson, Watson, Tokes c.g.) at Perry Park, crowd 2400.  
Ratings by Bruce Waddell:  
BRISBANE CITY: Barlow 7,

Caldwell 8, Tokes 7, Perry 8, Lavelle 7, Gaffney 8, Pimblett 8, (Williamson 85th), Schwenke 6 (sent off 80th), Connor 7, Marley 7 (Ibarretxe 85th), Coyne 7.  
HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 7, (Kerashaw 77th), Mowbray 7, Stevenson 9, Barnes 8, R. Smith 8, Watson 8, Campbell 7, Silva 8 (T. Smith).  
1977  
JULY: HAKOAH 3 (Coyne c.g., Watson, Menecas) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Wallace) at Marconi Oval, crowd 5482 (Goalie header).  
Ratings by Tom Anderson:  
HAKOAH: Haynes 7, Mullen 7, Thomson 7, Robertson 7, Mowbray 7, Stevenson 7, Barnes 7, Watson 9,

Menecas 7, T. Smith 7 (McGuinness 6) Silva 7.  
BRISBANE CITY: Boral 5, Rathmell 8, Tokes 6, Kibbey 6, (Wallace 6), Caldwell 6, Pimblett 6, Gaffney 6, Schwenke 5 (Kidd 5), Connor 5, Coyne 6, Perry 5.  
APRIL: BRISBANE CITY 0 HAKOAH 0 at Perry Park, crowd 6322 (Ratings by Bruce Waddell).  
BRISBANE CITY: Boral 6, Rathmell 5, Hermonion 6, Tokes 7, Lavelle 5, Gaffney 6, Pimblett 6, Schwenke 6 (Hartle), Coyne 6 (Caldwell), Johnston 5, Connor 7.  
HAKOAH: Clarke 6, Mullen 6, O'Connor 6, Robertson 6, Mowbray 6, Muniz 5, Lutton 7, Stevenson 5, Waddell 6, (Barnes) 7, Smith 6, Silva 5.



Canberra City, as it was when the club started last year. From left, back row: Billy Smith (team assistant), Roy Starke, Jim Cant, John Brown, Ian Lindenmayer, Ron Tilsed, Adrian Alston, Mike Milovanovic, Oscar Langone, John Warren (coach). Middle row: Keni Kawaleva, Brian Stoddart, Chris Tomlinson, Mike Black, Vic Fernandez, Ivan Grujicic, Nick Boskov, Danny Moulla. Front row: David O'Connor, Alan Bourke, Greg Willett, Luis Salgado, Steve Hogg. Inset: Ian Heywood (left), Terry Byrne (right).

## Canberra last time

Previous PSL results between Canberra and Fitzroy Alexander:

1978  
JULY: ALEXANDER 0 CANBERRA 1 (Marinello) at Olympic Park, crowd 4000.  
Ratings by Con Nikolopoulos:  
ALEXANDER: Blasby 6, Selemidis 6, Provan 6, O'Reilly 6, Tansey 5, Bannon 5, Taylor 5, Campbell 7, Boskias 4, (Micevski 6 35th min), Cole 6, Buljevic 6.  
CANBERRA: Tilsed 9, Moulla 7, Brown 7, Henderson 8, Milovanovic 7, Davies 7, Cant 7, B. Stoddart 8, Heywood 5 (Grujicic 6 46th min), T. Byrne 7, Marinello 9.  
APRIL: CANBERRA 2 (Grujicic pen., Byrne) ALEXANDER 2 (Cole, Taylor pen.) at Bruce Stadium, crowd 5300.  
Ratings by Peter Windsor:  
CANBERRA: Tilsed 7, Moulla 7, Brown 7, Starke 8, Milovanovic 7, Cant 8, Henderson 7, B. Stoddart 7, Grujicic 7, Byrne 8, Heywood 7.  
ALEXANDER: Marner 7, McMillan 7, Provan 7, O'Reilly 7, Tansey 8, Bannon 7, Campbell 7, Taylor 7, Micevski 7, Cole 7, Buljevic (inj. sub. Boskias 10th 7).  
1977  
AUGUST: ALEXANDER 2 (Campbell, Cole) CANBERRA 0 at Olympic Park, crowd 2500.  
Ratings by Laurie Schwab:  
ALEXANDER: Blasby 6, Glykokatamos 7, McMillan 9, O'Reilly 7, Bannon 6, Tansey 6, Taylor 6, Tront 6, Boskias 6 (55th), Campbell 6, Cole 8, Buljevic 7.  
CANBERRA: Tilsed 6, Moulla 6, Brown 8, Starke 7, Boskov 7, Hogg 6, Henderson 7, Cant 8, Grujicic 8, Alston 7, B. Stoddart 8.  
MAY: CANBERRA 0 ALEXANDER 1 (Buljevic) at Manuka Oval, crowd 2000.  
Ratings by Paul Mills:  
CANBERRA: Haynes 7, Moulla 7, Brown 7, Henderson 8, Boskov 7, Cant 8, Grujicic 7, B. Stoddart 7, J. Stoddart 7, Hogg 7, (O'Connor 8), Starke 6.  
ALEXANDER: Blasby 6, Glykokatamos 9, McMillan 6, Provan 6, O'Reilly 6, Tansey 6, Taylor 7, Bannon 6, Boskias 5, (Campbell 63rd), Gillan 6 (Cole 6), Buljevic 7.



Fitzroy — Alexander, standing from left: Bob Provan, Gary Cole, Jim O'Reilly, Jim Marner, Pat Bannon, Theo Selemidis, Branko Buljevic, Mike Micevski, John Margaritis (coach). Front: Chris Enion (massour), Andrew Boskias, Jim Campbell, Ken Taylor, Jim Tansey, Arthur McMillan, Angelo Meletis.

# Talented Hakoah can win the Cup

Brisbane City has not beaten Hakoah-Easts since the Philips League started and is unlikely to do so in the Philips Cup quarter final at Perry Park on Sunday.

Hakoah has won three and drawn one of the encounters so far, for a goals tally of 8:1.

Goalscorers for Hakoah have been: 2, Joe Watson, 1, Ernie Campbell, Ian Souness, John

Stevenson and Menecas. In addition, Hakoah has benefited from own goals by Peter Tokes and John Coyne.

Craig Wallace, the former Essendon Croatia player, is the only city man to have scored against Hakoah — but he's no longer in the City team.

Hakoah's outstanding players against City have been Murray Barnes, Joe Watson, Hilton Silva, John Stevenson and Todd Clarke.

Tokes has probably been Brisbane's most consistent performer in games against Hakoah.

City coach Denis Ford a few weeks before the season and responsibility for the team now rests with a committee of three, including captain Ian Rathmell.

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Adelaide City's John Perin (right) goes past Seva Kakantonis of South Melbourne

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# Can Croatia overcome

It's better to be a big fish in a small pond than a small fish in a big pond. That's an old, old saying, but it aptly describes Essendon Croatia's position.

Undisputed champion of the Victorian State League, Croatia is a big fish swallowing minnows in the restricted confines of the local competition.

But the Essendon club is about to face the moment of truth, which will show just how big a fish it really is.

From the ocean of the Philips League comes Adelaide City, into the 'home waters' of Croatia to battle for a place in the semi-finals of the Philips CUP.

For the first time this season, Croatia is not expected to win. Essendon is about to find out what it's like to be an underdog!



Adelaide City sweeper Frank Lister

## The other contenders

Previous Philips Cup results of other teams competing in the quarter-finals:

**HAKOAH**

1978: Rd. 1, Southside Eagles 1 (Millman) Hakoah 2 (Thomson, Watson). Rd. 2, Hakoah 4 (Smith 2, Souness, Barnes) Olympic 0.

Rd. 1, Marconi 1 (Prskalo) Hakoah 0.

**BRISBANE CITY**

Rd. 1, Brisbane City 1 (Coyne) St. George South 0.

Rd. 2, Brisbane City 0 Brisbane Lions 0. City won on penalties.

1977: Rd. 1, Brisbane City 3 (Caldwell 2, Echeverria) Brisbane Lions 2 (Sparratt, Neale).

Rd. 2, Brisbane City 1 (Johnston)

**Western Suburbs 1** (Harding). City won on penalties.

**Semi-finals: Brisbane City 3** (Johnston, Pembert, Kibbey) West Adelaide 0 after extra time.

**Final: Brisbane City 1** (Tokos) Marconi 1 (Sharne). City won on penalties.

**CANBERRA**

1978: Rd. 1, Canberra 4 (Henderson 3, Grogan) West Woden Juventus 0.

Rd. 2, George Cross 2 (Paparas, Reed) Canberra 3 (Davies, Byrne, Grogan).

1977: Rd. 1, Canberra 2 (Alston, Bourke)

St. George 1 (Ljankovic).

Rd. 2, Marconi 5 (Mariani, Rooney, Shame, Byrne, Campbell) Canberra 1 (Henderson).

**FITZROY ALEXANDER**

1978: Rd. 1, Fitzroy 6 (Bozika 3, Campbell 2, Cole) Slavia 3 (Miller, Paton, J. Train).

Rd. 2, Fitzroy 2 (Buljevic, Taylor) South Melbourne 1 (Cumming) after extra time.

1977: Rd. 1, Fitzroy 1 (Cole) Footscray J.U.S.T. 0.

Rd. 2, Fitzroy 3 (Buljevic 2, Cole) Mooroolbark 0.

**Semi-finals: Fitzroy 2** (Buljevic, Cole) Marconi 3 (Mariani, Campbell, Sharne).

By KYLE PATTERSON



Dixie Deans (stripes) of Adelaide City loses out to the aerial ability of South Melbourne's Mike Pye.

Which brings us back to the original classification: Essendon may be out of its depth among PSL teams.

However, we've seen upsets before the Cup soccer has more surprises than any other competition.

Essendon Croatia is the only non-PSL team to reach the quarter-finals of the competition. However, some of the credit for that achievement is taken away when you study Croatia's record more closely.

The league champ hasn't come across a PSL team in its cup draw yet, meeting unknown **White Eagles** from Tasmania, and unspectacular South Australian State League team Beograd.

Sydney Croatia is the only State League team to beat a PSL side. The New South Wales champion edged out Marconi on penalties but was promptly disposed of by Newcastle KB Utd in the following round.

The ambitious Essendon club will be hoping for a good result to back up its claims for a place in the PSL. The club hasn't applied yet but that action is imminent. Essendon will also be out to emulate its sister PSL team.

Adelaide City has similar incentive. With West Adelaide being the first South Australian team to win a PSL honor, City doesn't want to be known as Adelaide's other team.

Let's now look at the two teams in detail.

Essendon Croatia has **Yakka Banovic** in goal. A \$5000 buy from Adelaide Croatia, Banovic is a class goalkeeper and it was rumored that Metros Croatia of

Canada (NASL) was prepared to pay \$15,000 for him.

He's well built and is superb at dealing with high balls. On the ground he's agile and spectacular, and is known for his occasional clowning.

Right back is **Grant Smart**. The former Montrose (Scotland) defender is fast and likes to go forward.

**Steve Kokosku** is a powerful centre back, with heading and tackling being his strengths.

Born in Queensland, he played for Sunshine City (Victoria) as a junior before making his name in the senior team.

He transferred to Croatia for \$7000 and has since represented Australia.

**John Ardiner**, twice winner of the Victorian Rothmans Medal, is the sweeper. He's had a distinguished career and is one of the key men in the Croatia team (see story page 6).

The uncompromising **Ante Bilayer** is left back. The solidly built defender gets by with sheer determination, but can be a useful attacker up the left flank.

**Alan Kerr** probably has more enemies in the State League than any other player. The tough Scotsman transferred to Croatia from Perth Croatia for \$1000, and has represented Victoria.

Captain of the team, he's the watchdog in the midfield, and scores many vital goals. He played for Sheffield Wednesday and Notts County in England.

**Ken Murphy** is one of the most exciting players in the Essendon squad. As a midfielder, he works hard, but is best known for his spurts from the middle of the park, and his powerful shooting.

He's formerly of Dundee Utd and Forfar Athletic (Scotland).

**Howard Andrews** is unspectacular but important in the midfield. The South African-born former South Melbourne Hellas

## Essendon Croatia Adelaide City Olympic Park



Billy Vojtek shows off his ball skill

player is the odd-jobs man picking up loose balls and covering for defenders who have gone upfield.

**Tommy Cumming** is the most explosive winger in the State League. The little man's speed has ruined many defences, and created many goals.

A \$6000 fee saw Cumming move from Sunshine City to Croatia, where his match-winning performances have won hero worship from his club's fans.

Centre forward **Eddie Krncevic** is the best prospect in the Croatia side.

The 17-year-old giant is extremely talented and talks optimistically of playing professionally in Europe.

Born in Geelong, Krncevic played with Melbourne Croatia, Corio and Juventus (Melbourne) before joining Essendon Croatia.

**Bill Vojtek** is the most honored player at Essendon. A former Soccerex and Bill Fleming Medal winner, he dazzled crowds with his dribbling and goalscoring.

He spent a long time with Croatia Melbourne before joining Sydney Croatia and then Juventus (Melbourne) from where he joined Essendon for \$5000.

Brazilian midfielder Agenor Muniz of Adelaide City



Adelaide City left back Fred Yung

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Other players in Essendon's strong first team squad are **Branko Culina**, a midfielder or forward who's striving to regain his spot in the Croatia team **Brian Davidson**, a New Zealand-born winger with a lot of pace, **Zeljko Lusan**, bought for \$5000 from Adelaide Croatia, who is yet to win a regular spot in the midfield and **Carl Gilder**, a centre forward bought for \$2000 from Slava to cover for Krncevic while the youngster was injured.



Croatia's 17-year-old striker  
Eddie Krncevic



Tommy Cumming (Croatia)

Sweeper **Frank Lister** has been with Adelaide City for many years, and is one of the best known players in S.A. soccer.

The experienced **Lister** is a steady influence on the team. Centre back **John Beal** is another veteran of South Australian soccer. He returned to the team when **Les Scheinflug** became coach.

**Fred Yung** is a 100% man at left back.

**John Perin** has for a long time been recognised as one of the best midfield generals in Australia.

With tons of experience, this former Soccerco can control a game when he's in top form, spraying pin-point passes all over the ground.

**Gary Marocchi** broke into the Australian team last season, and has the talent to develop into an excellent midfielder. He hails from Western Australia and was Australian captain against Greece this year.

**Agnor Muniz** missed most of this season through injury but is now back to his best. The skilful Brazilian displays many fine touches and has also represented Australia.

Transferred to Adelaide City from Hakoah Eastern Suburbs for a record \$15,000.

**John Nyakohus**, a speedy forward, was one of **Jimmy Shouler**'s big hopes in Australia's 1978 World Cup bid.

In club soccer he's a dangerous forward, pestering defenders non-

stop and being fast enough to capitalise on any breaks.

Centre forward **Dale Deans** is one of the characters of Australian soccer. The former Celtic (Scotland) and Luton Town (England) striker uses every trick in the book to score goals and is a constant menace to defences.

**Brian Northcote** fills the left wing spot, and is one of the under-rated players in the PSL. Northcote is from Sydney club Granville.

Other players in Adelaide City's squad are **Robert Marwe**, a striker signed from Adelaide Croatia, **Sergio Mella**, a young full back or midfielder, and **Zoran Matic**, a veteran midfielder.

The game will be decided on midfield play, which is vital to both sides' style.

The **Perin/Muniz/Marocchi** combination has the edge on paper, but Essendon's midfield is more balanced.

While **Kerr** does the bulldozing work, and wins the ball, **Murphy** can attack the support the front runners. **Andrews** plays deeper, and supports from behind.

But Adelaide City's midfield is definitely more experience, and has flair that wins games.

At the back, Croatia's **Kokoska** dominates aerial duels, and has a height advantage over **Deans**, for a start.

Up front, **Krncevic**'s tall frame allows him to outmanoeuvre central defenders when going for high balls.

As well as **Krncevic**, Croatia can look forward to **Cumming** playing a blinder. His match-winning performances come in cycles, and he's due for a great game.

**Deans** and **Nyakohus** will put constant pressure on the Essendon backmen, and that will not suit their style of playing the ball out of defence.

No doubt, **Kerr** will test **Muniz** out early. Like most South Americans, **Muniz** likes time to play the ball, and the hard-tackling **Kerr** could put 'Aggie' off his game.

But the main question is: 'Will Adelaide City simply outclass Essendon Croatia?'



GRANT SMART, right back, imported in May, 1977, from Scotland where he played for Montrose. The younger brother of former Lions, George Cross and Juventus star Jimmy Smart.



STEVE KOKOSKA, centre back, 1976 Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year, bought last year from Sunshine City for \$6000. State player.



ALAN KERR, midfielder, joined last year from Croatia Perth, and played in England for Sheffield Wednesday and Notts County.



JOHN GARDINER, player-coach, returned from Hellas recently in \$8000 transfer deal. Left Croatia for Hellas last year, in exchange for John Kennedy, Howard Andrews and cash. Joined Croatia the first time in 1976, from George Cross, for \$6000. Won the 1971 and 1972 Rothmans Medals while with George Cross. Played in Scotland for East Fife. Victorian State player.



HOWARD ANDREWS, midfielder, born in South Africa where he played for Durban United. Also played for Maidstone in England. Joined Essendon last year from South Melbourne Hellas.

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Ante Bilaver is kissed by a jubilant supporter after Croatia had won the 1978 Ampol Cup

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## Scheinflug v McArthur

In his search for an assistant, new Australian national team coach **Rudi Gutendorf** would have to go a long way to find a better man for the job than Adelaide City's **Les Scheinflug**.

The former Brisbane Lions coach knows the formula for World Cup success. He was right hand man to **Rene Rasic** during Australia's 1974 World Cup triumph.

Born in Yugoslavia of German parents, Scheinflug has an advantage over his rivals because he can speak German, Gutendorf's native tongue.

However, Scheinflug's thoughts are on his team's Phillips Cup game at the moment. It was the arrival of Scheinflug, plus the return of **Dixie Deans** and **Agnor Muniz**, which led to Adelaide City's end-of-season improvement.

Scheinflug took over from **Edmund Kraft**, who was sacked after Adelaide City failed to recapture the form which lifted the club to fourth position in 1977.

Scheinflug has captained Australia, scoring our first two

goals in World Cup competition (v North Korea in 1965), as well as having a highly-successful career in club soccer.

The man trying to put a dent in Adelaide City's Phillips Cup plans is **Bill McArthur**, coach of Essendon Croatia.

He was a member of Croatia Melbourne's great team of the late sixties, which included Soccerco's **Jimmy Meckay** and **Bill Vojtek**, and **Horst Rau**, **Hammy McMeekhan** and **Frank Bot**.

He coached Albion Leyland to promotion to the State League in 1977, but was mysteriously sacked soon after.

Midway through this season, McArthur returned to Croatia, and soon succeeded **John Gardiner**, who resigned as coach.

What does McArthur think of Essendon Croatia's chances?

"We try to win every game," he said, "and this one will be no different. We're playing a PSL team, but everyone is confident of success."

"Adelaide City has had a month-long lay-off, and I think that will be to our advantage. The boys will definitely lift themselves because it's a big game. I believe we have 16 of the best players in Victoria."

Croatia manager **Frank Burin** said the team's recent performances were not a good indication of its true form.

"When you are so far ahead in the championship, there's no interest," he said, "and we've been looking forward to finishing our league programme."

"We've now played around 34 games since February, and naturally it's hard to keep the players motivated."

"But we want to do well in the

Phillips Cup, as it's run on a national basis, and is the most prestigious competition we have played in. Not only would it be good for Croatia if the team does well, but also for Victoria."

"We go in as the underdog, and although we aren't at our peak, I think the occasion will bring the best out of the team."

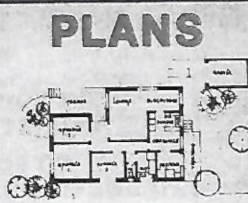
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## Their Cup road

Adelaide City and Essendon Croatia's previous Phillips Cup results:

\* First round —  
ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Culina pen, Sikora own goal) WHITE EAGLES 0 at Glenorchy Oval, Tasmania.  
CROATIA: Francis, Smart, Kokoska, Gardiner, Bilaver, Murphy, Andrews, Kerr, Cumming, Vojtek, Culina.

ADELAIDE CITY 5 (J. Nyakohus, B. Nyakohus, Fyfe, Kosmina, Marocchi) NOARLUNGA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall, B. Nyakohus, Lister, Bear, Yung, Perin, Fyfe, Marocchi, Kosmina, J. Nyakohus, Northcote.

\* Second round —  
ESSENDON CROATIA 5 (Culina 3, Davidson, Gilder) BEGRAD 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

CROATIA: Benovic, Smart, Kokoska, Gardiner, Bilaver, Culina, Murphy (Lusan), Kerr, Cumming, Gilder, Vojtek (Davidson).

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Marwe) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall, B. Nyakohus, Lister, Bear, Yung, Perin, Marocchi (Marwe), Muniz, J. Nyakohus, Deans, Northcote.

Rd 1: West Adelaide 2 (McGregor, Kosmina) Adelaide City 2 (Boyle o.g., Northcote) after extra time, West Adelaide won on penalties.  
Croatia did not compete in 1977.

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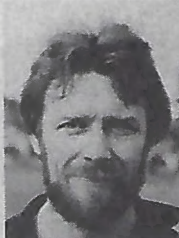
TREVOR WEBSTER, full back



HUGH SHAW, full back



MIKE PLUNKETT, utility



MAL LEECH, sweeper



GRAHAM OLDFIELD, midfielder — broke his leg twice this year.



IAN MCCOLE, midfielder



ERNIE HOWARTH, mid-fielder

## Two losses in 14 games

Bowater Scott was formed in early 1970, initially for friendly games. It entered the Industrial League in 1972 and has been in the First Division ever since.

Ernie Howarth was the club's first president, and he's still at the helm. Ian Redmond was the first secretary and Geoff Taylor the first treasurer.

Committeemen were Brian Bradnock, Calder McLeod, Niall McMahon, Trevor Webster and Ernie Fletcher.

This year, Bowater Scott has had bad luck with injuries. The club's best player of 1977, Graham Oldfield, has broken his leg twice this season. Trevor Webster suffered a foot injury and coach Robbie Howarth also broke a leg.

But balancing out the bad luck, Bowater Scott was lucky to sign new players Marty Koenan and Mike Plunkett from Croydon City and Stewart McCole, Phil Dunning and Peter Dinsdale who had had earlier stints with the club.

Plunkett has been an outstanding acquisition. He played for Ringwood City in the State League, Mooroolbark in the Philips League and has this year coached Croydon to promotion to the State League.

Bowater Scott has not had an easy run to the Cup final.

The team was pushed to extra time and penalties by A. R. Split and in the semi-final against Meko Holdings, it hung on to win 1-0.

The new committee, which has been together for two years, is: Ernie Howarth (president), Helmut Hirsch (secretary), Ernie Fletcher (treasurer), and Don West, Niall McMahon, Tom Amos, Brian Quigley, Brian Virgin and Robbie Howarth (committeemen).

The club has received good support from the ladies' committee, nicknamed the 'Hamburger Squad'.

The ladies are led by Linda Howarth, Mary Quigley, Theresa McMahon and Pam Oldfield.

The 'Scotties' also have enthusiastic backing from their supporters and from the Bowater Scott company.

In the 14 games since Robbie Howarth took over as coach, The Scotties have lost only two matches — a record that augurs well for the Cup final on Sunday.



HELMUT HIRSCH, forward and secretary



BRIAN VIRGIN, forward



PHIL DUNNING, forward.

## INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE CUP

# It's Plunkett v. Adamovic and Cirkovic

Can former Croydon Mooroolbark and Ringwood City champion Mike Plunkett inspire a victory over the former Footscray J.U.S.T. giants Milos Adamovic, Sandor Kazi and Cedo Cirkovic?

That's a question which will be answered at Middle Park on Sunday.

Plunkett, coach of Croydon City which has just won promotion to the Victorian State League, has another role — as star player of Bowater Scott.

Adamovic, Kazi, Cirkovic and others are stars of Tarax Soccer Club.

And Bowater Scott meets Tarax in the Black Douglas Cup final of the Victorian Industrial League.

It should be a memorable final, featuring some of the outstanding personalities of past years.

Such is the stature of these personalities that they deserve hefty support from the followers not only of their own clubs, but also of Footscray J.U.S.T. and Croydon.

If these followers turn up in numbers — and make no mistake, they will see a good game — the

crowd should be well into the thousands!

Never before has a Black Douglas Cup final been promoted the way this one has.

Rarely have such memorable players been on show.

Neither club has won the Cup, so both are seeking to write their names into the soccer record books.

McColl holds the record of having won two Cups, but such is the calibre of both Bowater Scott and Tarax, that the team that wins on Sunday will go on to challenge that record.

Curtain raiser to the Black Douglas Cup final is the Victorian Women's Soccer Association Cup final between Greensborough and Green Gully Ajax, starting at 1 pm.

Admission to the double-header is only \$1 an adult. Children and pensioners are admitted free.



Bowater Scott, standing from left, back row: P. Dinsdale, I. McCole, M. Plunkett, P. Dunning, M. Koenan, B. Virgin, M. Leech, R. Howarth (coach), Middle row: G. Oldfield, T. Webster, C. McLeod, E. Howarth, T. Amos. Front row: H. Hirsch, S. McCole, B. Quigley, E. Fletcher (trainer).



The Bowater Scott committee

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## Success after modest start

A foundation member of the Victorian Industrial Soccer League, Tarax has attained fame for inconsistency rather than for notable achievements. No year was more typical of this man than the first of its existence - 1971.

Absolutely, hopelessly lost of 12 with 3 points from 15 games, the club picked up 5 wins and a draw from the next seven to finish 10th.

In 1972, fortunes varied. An early season league leader, Tarax suffered a prolonged mid-season slump and appeared certain for relegation. Then again came the about-face and the club surged clear of the bottom with a string of upset wins.

1973 was a good year. With a consistent performance throughout, Tarax fully justified a final fourth placing. Stars of this era were the *Susnja* brothers *Andreas* and *Michael*, and 1973 league best and fairest, *Hughie Shaw* (now ironically a defender with rival Cup-finalists, *Bowster Scott*).

Then came disaster. Despite the injection of players of the calibre of *Mladenovic*, *Adamovic*, *Kostromin* and *Jovic*, Tarax lost the first seven matches in a row. A flutter of hope arose when the next seven passed without defeat, but it was short-lived. The last four matches were lost and relegation was the inevitable result. Outstanding players that year were *Adamovic*, *Steve Power* (now with *Bosch Dynamo*) and *Stevan Stanovic*.

In 1975, strengthened by the arrival of *Tommy Stankovic*, *Dante Moyano* and *Milenko Ruzmir*, Tarax never lost sight of the top of 2nd Division. A particular feature was the uncanny accuracy of *Milos Adamovic*, whose 27 league goals easily won him the 2nd Division goal-scorer award.

The high-flying *Carro* (now *RACV*), however, held grimly onto top spot. But second place was sufficient to earn promotion back to First Division. Tarax incidentally, is so far the only club to come back - and to manage it in only one season was a magnificent effort.

1976 saw the arrival of *Victor Kostromin* to join his father *Genje*, *Jack Mihocek* - briefly until his VFL club promoted him to the Firsts, "Iron-man" *Rata Rankovic* and *JAT-supremo Rade Milanovic*. It also saw the departure of *Ruzmir*, *Moyano*, *Stankovic*, *Davis* and the *Jovic* brothers.

Bedecked by injuries, Tarax never really got off the ground and faced the spectre of relegation right up to the last round. However, the performances of another 1976 signing, *Sandor Kazi*, arguably the best goalkeeper in the League, prevented total disaster as the forwards had suddenly lost their kicking boots.

*Mihocek*, in only 8 games, slotted home 6 to be the club's top scorer for the season!

One other player to stand out, whenever his commitments to *Footscray-JUST* permitted, was *Cedo Cirkovic* and *Steve Kosovac* played his heart out on the right wing.

Until injuries forced out *Mladenovic*, *Richard Kresinger*

and *Rankovic*, Tarax seemed to be in with a chance for the 1977 title and still, with the last two matches to play, both against *McColl* (now *Bosch Dynamo*) could have pulled off second place.

*McColl*, however, permitted no nonsense and handed out a double thrashing. Outstanding players in 1977 were *Sandor Kazi*, *Michael Kresinger*, *Steve Kosovac*, *Dragan Pantic* and *Milos Adamovic* (23 goals).

And so to 1978. After a promising start to the year with a quarter-final berth in the *Morish* tournament and a first-up league win against *Mako*, Tarax seemed to be heading for the sky.

In fact, after a second round win against league leaders *Pegasus*, the club held briefly to second place on the table. But games squandered from seemingly unbeatable positions have once again pushed them back toward a mid-table standing.

But the cup remains! Like *Bowster*, Tarax had never reached the semi-finals before, let alone

Tarax, back row from left: Roby Ross, Steve Zankomarak, Bernie Griffiths, Cedo Cirkovic, Alex Todorovic, Barry Davies, Milos Adamovic, Veljko Tadic. Front: David Chant (secretary), Steve Kosovac, Ibro Hadziabdic, Mike Kresinger, Steve Lay, Sandor Kazi, Dragan Pantic, Ratko Radovanovic.

## The Tarax bosses



The Tarax committeemen, from left: DAVID CHANT, secretary and chairman of the Industrial League. One of the founders of Tarax. STEVE ZAKOMARAK, team manager, founder member of J.U.S.T. the club he played for from 1952-1962. Also played for Australia. VELJKO "JOHNNY" TADIC, committeeman, associated with Tarax for five years. RATKO RADOVANOVIC, committeeman, been with Tarax for five years.

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# Croydon aims to make history

The semi-finals of the Victorian Dockery Cup will be played tonight (Wednesday) at Olympic Park.

First Division champion Croydon City challenges last season's State League champion George Cross for a place in the

final (kick off 8.45 p.m.).

In the second semi-final, current State League champion Essendon Croatia meets lively Ringwood City.

The last time Ringwood and Croatia clashed at Olympic Park, Ringwood, then

in bottom spot, beat league leader Essendon 1-0.

Croydon will be striving to become the first non-State League (or non-First Division) club to reach the final in the Dockery Cup's 70-year history.

# Frankston fires but Croatia gets revenge

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Krnecvic 67th and 73rd mins.) FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Eadie 78th min.)

CROATIA: Banovic 6, Smart 7, Kokota 7, Gardiner 7, Blaver 6, Andrews 6, Kerr 8, Murphy 6, Cunningham 8, Krnecvic 7, Vojtek 8. FRANKSTON: Petersen 7, V. Bannion 8, Gillespie 7, Irvine 8, Taylor 6, Parrott 7, G. Bannion 6, Fox 6, Dell 7, MacGregor 7, Campbell 4 (Eadie 75th min).

Frankston City's Sandy Irvine has confirmed he wants to continue as playing coach of the club.

"I'd like to carry on with the job," he said, after Frankston's fighting 1-2 defeat by Essendon Croatia.

The bye-side club struggled for a long time under Irvine, but the team's performance in the Dockery Cup quarter-final against Croatia in a league game four days earlier has restored Frankston's pride.

Croatia was a worthy winner in the quarter-final game, but Essendon coach Bill MacArthur's comment summed up the feeling of everyone at Olympic Park. "Frankston surprised us," he said. "We didn't think they could play well against us twice in a row. Even when we were all over them in the first 20 minutes, I was still worried about them getting a goal on the break."

Frankston showed its win over Croatia in the league game was no fluke. The bye-side team didn't reproduce its 'magic' form of the league game but did very well in the Cup tie. After the hectic opening when Croatia threw everything at Frankston, City emerged unscathed and defended soundly, as well as having scoring chances.

Croatia again dominated after scoring the team's first goal, but once again Frankston showed some character by pulling a goal back.

However, the game may have been a lot closer had not Gordon MacGregor, the ace striker, been injured in the first minute.

MacGregor was still an effective player but he lost a lot of speed and zip because of the knock.

Croatia's first goal was a slicker for Frankston. It was the brilliance of Eddie Krnecvic, who pounced on a loose ball, weaved his way through the area and slotted the ball home, that turned the game.

However, before Krnecvic's two-goal effort, Banovic made a match-winning save. Tommy Fox sent over a good cross and MacGregor headed a bullet-like effort at goal from close range. Somehow Banovic saved!

Croatia was definitely on top, but Frankston deserved more.

Best players for Croatia were Bill Vojtek, Tommy Cunningham and Alan Kerr.

For Frankston, Vince Bannion, Irvine and Mark Dell were valiant fighters.

Alan Parrott and Frank Petersen deserve credit for their gutsy efforts of playing with injuries.

Parrott had a handful of stitches, a clash with Kerr last week, and Petersen in the league game, then needed

treatment for two more injuries.

This Ken Kerr is making a bit of a name. Parrott didn't try to get revenge but out there somewhere, there's a band of bruised players planning to repay Kerr. — RYLE PATTERSON.

# Cross strikers deadly

GEORGE CROSS 3 (Papavas 2 88th 70th mins, Read 67th min) SUNSHINE CITY 0, Dockery Cup quarter-final.

GEORGE CROSS: Rice 7, Cutajar 7, Maitland 6, Webb 7, Barron 7, Castiello 6, Wilkinson 6, Mirek 6, Papavas 8, Read 8, Cullen 7. SUNSHINE CITY: Scholten 6, Dixey 6, Lowe 8, Ellis 6, Howe 6, R. Nelson 7, McRobert 8, Banagan 6, Laing 6, Pocock 7, D. Nelson 6.

George Cross' deadly forward combination of Ken Read, Robert 'Tiger' Cullen

and Jim Papavas was the difference between Sunshine City and the 'Cross.



George Cross centre back Norm Maitland (right)

The sides were evenly matched but George's forward work was more imaginative and constructive than Sunshine's.

City had Ray Pocock moving well, but too often used the long ball as a means of attack. With Laing and Rob Nelson flashed in and out of the play and had moments when they threatened the George defence, but Sunshine lacked cohesion and variation up front.

However, Sunshine could justly feel unlucky to lose 0-3. George stunned Sunshine with two goals in six minutes midway through the second half, after the City boys had worked hard and stayed within reach of victory.

Neither midfield had a decisive edge, although George moved the ball around better than its opponents.

But the Cross' dangerous front three ran into resistance from centre backs Nick Lowe and Steve Ellis.

Lowe battled for 90 minutes and showed his class with his excellent reading of the game at sweeper, and with coolness in a tight situation.

Ellis had the difficult task of watching Read, and struck to the job throughout.

George Cross, without goalkeeper Steve Matson who was Cup-tied after playing with Essendon City in an earlier round, had chances in the first half when Norm Maitland hit the bar with a header, and Cullen worked his way into a good position, but shot wide.

Sunshine's outstanding player was Jim McRobert, who worked hard when dropping back to help his defence, and often dashed forward with the ball.

Read headed in Barron's cross for George's first goal, but Pocock had a great chance at the other end soon after.

Gerry Rice made the save, and minutes later Sunshine's fate was sealed when Cullen after being blocked by John Scholten after chasing a through ball, recovered and centred the ball for Papavas to convert with ease.

George Cross' last goal was a classy effort, with Read shielding the ball set before heading it through the crowded box for Papavas to finish off the move.

Rice saved at the second attempt from Dave Nelson's long shot.

Phil Cutajar and Lowe were booked for foul tactics. — RYLE PATTERSON.

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# Ringwood stars want to move

By LAURIE SCHWAB

SUNSHINE 2 (Laing, McRobert) RINGWOOD 1 (van Leuarden) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine.

SUNSHINE: Scholten 5.5; Dixey 5, Lowe 6.5; Ellis 5, Howe 5.5; McRobert 5, Banagan (Parkins 4, 25th min), R. Nelson 5.5; Laing 7.5. RINGWOOD: Christian 4 (injured, sub Garthwaite 67th, de Bruyckere into goal), Pasman 5, (Kupinic 60th), de Bruyckere 6, Carnaby 5.5, Saunders 5; Anderson 5, Plumb 5, O'Callaghan 6; van Leuarden 5.5, Luyten 5, Brown 5.

**Confusion reigns at Ringwood, whose relegation from State League was confirmed by this defeat to Sunshine.**

On the Friday before the game, players rang to say that Keith Adams, Paul Widing, Ron Vanders, Willie Coulson, Dave Garthwaite and Brian Thorne had been dropped from this match. Doug Barber didn't play either because he was injured.

Furthermore, players said they had been told by a reliable source that the club was planning to transfer-list them.

This was denied at the game by club president John van Hoboken. The players had not been transfer-listed, he told us.

So it was back to the players. Three of them told us that they didn't want to play for Ringwood next season. They definitely want transfers, they said.

They had been told by other players that those players always want transfers.

Some contracts have expired or are due to expire. And so if the club has not officially transfer-listed the players, it seems they are transfer-listing themselves.

Whatever happens, let's hope things turn out well for all concerned.

I wonder how Ringwood regards its relegation. Will the club be content to make the best of its lower status, or will it make a push for promotion back to State League, as it did last time it was relegated?

In my opinion, Ringwood should be happy to be out of the league. Once contracts have expired, the club should plan for a new era in which expenditure is aligned with gate receipts and nothing more.

Anything else is ruinous, as so many State League clubs are finding out.

As for the match between Ringwood and Sunshine: It was one of the worst that I can remember in recent times.

However, there is one player who deserves praise — Sunshine winger Willie Laing.

He fought like a Trojan, ran like an Olympian and provided the inspiration Sunshine needed to turn an early one-goal deficit into a 2-1 victory.

Other players who caught the eye were Sunshine sweeper Nick Lowe and Ray Pocock, who also played a part in Sunshine's second-half fight-back.

Best of the Ringwood players were midfielder John O'Callaghan and perhaps Benny de Bruyckere who went into goal when Ralph Christian was injured in the 67th minute.

Sunshine gave Ringwood a gift goal in the 15th minute. Robbie Nelson picked up the ball near the touchline about 20 metres out and played a

lobbed back-pass that landed about eight metres in front of goalkeeper John Scholten. Young Gary van Leuarden had the easy task of nipping in front of Scholten to score.

The goal gave Ringwood the confidence to surge forward repeatedly. However, the fact that Ringwood managed to pressure Sunshine for so long without even playing good football, in-

dicates only that Sunshine was quite hopeless during this period.

Sunshine's equaliser came in the 65th minute. Pocock got clear of a man inside the penalty area and laid a short pass to Laing who placed it softly but accurately past Cheideron on an angle.

A cross by Ringwood's David Brown proved more threatening than it had first appeared but Scholten got up high to tap it over the bar. Then, at the other end, Pocock dinked into the penalty area and his spectacular first-time shot onto the post!

In the 88th minute Pocock slammed a powerful drive at goal and Christian managed only to block and repel it. Jim McRobert nipped in to put the loose ball into the net for the winning goal.



Paul Widing David Garthwaite

# Hair report denied

THE president of Ringwood City, Mr John van Hoboken, has denied that Willie Coulson was dropped recently because he had long hair.

"I believe Coulson was dropped because he was not fit — certainly not because he has long hair. This is rubbish," Mr van Hoboken said.

He also denied that it is he rather than the coach who selects the team.

# Portuguese recruit?

ALTONA CITY 1 (Little) JUVENTUS 1 (C. Lucchesi)

ALTONA: van der Poel, Lewis, Gromberger, Kelly, Plesner (Irani), Adams (Bambel), Watters, Murray, Davidson, Little, Taylor.

that whatever the outcome, the club's place in the State League was safe.

With the pressure off, Juventus came to the party and an entertaining game was the result.

The score would easily have been 4-4 but in the end the points were shared thanks to a goal from Claude Lucchesi which was cancelled out by Net Little.

Best for Altona were Alan Davison, Kevin Kelly and George Watters.

# Team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team

THOMPSON (1)		BAKER (3)		YZENDORP (6)		PATTEN (3)	
(Stavia)		(Haid)		(Stavia)		(Stavia)	
DAVIDSON (5)		WATTERS (2)		TRAIN (2)		LAING (2)	
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# Industrial League

By RON DARLINGTON

After Sunday's matches in the Victorian Industrial League, only one award is still in doubt and that is Division 1 runners-up.

Lysaght, after many heart-stopping moments, got the points they needed to take off the Division 3 East championship on goal average from Keeley United.

In Division 1 R.A.C.V. are in the box seat for runners-up after Peter Gray scored a second half goal to defeat Cup finalists Bowater-Scott.

The other Cup finalists, Tarax 'A', had a convincing 6-0 win at Roman Leathings which boosted their goal average considerably. A good win in their final match against Sperry Vickers would put them just ahead of R.A.C.V. Meko Holdings were hard pressed by Public Works 'A' but Eric Mangos scored that all important goal to give them the points. If Meko win their two remaining matches their superior goal average will lift them into the runners-up spot ahead of R.A.C.V. and Tarax 'A'.

The only match played in Division 2 provided T.A.A. with an opportunity to scramble away from relegation by defeating A.N.Z. Bank 'A' 2-0, both goals coming after the break from Peter Bilwinski.

Several members of the Keeley team were present when Lysaght took off the Division 3 East Championship by drawing 0-0 with C.B.C. Bank. Lysaght certainly cut it fine by taking only 4 points from their last five matches and as C.B.C. Bank pressed hard after the break only good fortune and desperate defence clinched the Championship.

Keeley, who finished runners-up, must have wished their former player Harry Petras' header hadn't been cleared off the line or George Roubes had set his sights 3 inches lower.

Tarax 'B' finished runners-up in Division 4 after Public Works 'B' had

hit by injuries, couldn't muster enough players to take the field.

De La Salle 'B' must have been very pleased to hold the Divisional champions, Fibremakers, to a 2-0 scoreline which augurs well for next season.

The matches played in Division 4 West didn't change anything. Pyramid P.B.S. like Tarax 'B' gained two easy points from R.A.A. 'B'. Cook had similar problems to Public Works 'B' and Rheem beat Aquila Steel 2-1 with Hartmont Schreppel scoring both goals and Aleksander Stankovski scoring for Aquila.

# Armstrong Cup

The semi-finals of the Victorian Harry Armstrong (Reserve) Cup will be played at a double header at Altona City's ground on Saturday, September 23, kick-off 1st game 1 p.m.

Admission \$2 and pensioners and children free. 1st Game Green Gully v Ringwood City. 2nd Game Preston v Keilor City.

The duration of the game will be 45 minutes each way. If drawn at the end of normal time a further 10 minutes each way will be played. If drawn after extra time penalty kicks will be taken.



# Victorian State League scene

## Major sponsor for PSL applicant

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (McMillan 2, Fawkes) ALBION LEYLAND 1 (Davidson).

MAKEDONIA Laumets, Petrovski (Bogdan), Lesbire (Hallam), Hooper, Beech, Blazevski, McGifford, McClymont, Fawkes, McMillan, Glenon.

ALBION: Oliver, Campbell (Daperis), McCluskey (sent off), Blair, Nisbet, Davidson, McCormack, Mitten, Emin, McIntyre, Quinn.

Preston Makedonia may approach local companies Kodak Australia and Goodyear Tyres in a bid to secure a major sponsor to back the club's push for a place in the PSL.

Makedonia will also try to double the amount it received from minor sponsors in 1978.

This season, the Preston club was backed for \$6000 by G & F Veselovski (builders), and for \$5500 by 22 smaller sponsors, who gave \$250 each.

The club will try to increase the backing from the 23 sponsors to a total of \$23,000.

Club spokesman Branko Trajanovski said the club was preparing an application to submit to the PSL.

The club wants to get into the national league, he said, but even if we can't gain a major sponsor, our present support is big enough to meet the increased cost of the PSL.

Against Albion Leyland, Makedonia returned to its devastating best, and was leading 3-0 after 25 minutes. George McMillan grabbed two goals the following up shots by Jeff Fawkes and Chris Glenon, which had been deflected by Albion goalkeeper Jeff Over. Fawkes scored the third after playing a 1-2 with McMillan.

John Davidson grabbed a late consolation goal for Albion, but Danny McClymont was sent off soon after.

STOP PRESS - The draw for the Makedonia Cup (see story page two) first round is: Mako Holdings v Altona Utd, Central Altona v Geelong, Makedonia 'A' v Pascoe Vale, Makedonia 'B' v Shepparton.

## Cumming may miss cup game

ESSENDON CROATIA (Cumming 51st min, Davidson 67th min) GREEN GULLY 0.

ESSENDON: Banovic, Smart, Kokoska, Gardiner, Murphy, Andrews, Lisan, Kerr (Davidson half time), Cumming, Krcovic (Gilder half time), Cullen.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Donaldson, Patten, Daniels, Only, McCarthy, Cain (L. Thomson 75th, sent off 82nd), Vassallo, Segi, Carr, Tribuzio.

Essendon Croatia continued on their merry way with an entertaining win over Green Gully at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Gully matched the champions throughout the first half and indeed had a great clear cut chance to go ahead when John Cain put Andy Segi through in the 25th minute, but with only the keeper to beat the latter edged at the crucial moment and the danger was cleared.

Alan Kerr proved extremely dangerous when coming forward and twice came within a hair's breadth of scoring in the first half.

Banovic distinguished himself with some clean handling and cut out a number of dangerous looking crosses.

Gully's John Patten had an interesting tussle with Eddie Krcovic and restricted the lanky centre forward to one good effort.

In the 38th minute when Cumming's cross in the 38th minute which Denys saved well - before he was replaced by Carl Gilder at half time.

Patten has had a tremendous second half of the season, and could be a chance for the Rothmans Medal.

Apart from Gilder, Essendon also brought on Brian Davidson and the New Zealander's speed and ball control contributed strongly towards the win. He outpaced Peter Donaldson in the 61st minute in a race for a through ball and brought a roar from the crowd as he shot at Denys, who could only parry the ball for Cumming to latch onto it again and shoot the ball home.

Essendon sealed the match with a goal in the 67th minute. Gilder got onto a right wing cross, but slipped, and Davidson fired home from inside the area while two defenders hesitated before challenging.

Lee Thomson caused a sensation when he came on as a substitute for Cain and was promptly sent off three minutes later for swearing at the referee.

Cumming pulled a muscle in a tussle for a 50-50 ball with Denys and hobbled off just before the end. He is in doubt for tonight's Dockerty Cup game against Ringwood.

While Essendon still have the Rothmans Cup, the Dockerty Cup and the Phillips Cup to compete for, Gully's programme is now finished. The club will conclude their activities with their annual ball in two weeks a time to which they're attempting to invite national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

- PETER DESIRA

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Hakoah's Graham French is about to equalise against George Cross. Also pictured are Derek Barron of George Cross (left), Norm Maitland (George Cross, number five), goalkeeper Svez Matsson and Les Nagy of Hakoah (right).

## Reed, Cullen to Cross' rescue

By LAURIE SCHWAB

HAKOAH 1 (French) GEORGE CROSS 2 (Wilkinson, Mirak) at Middle Park.

Retings. HAKOAH: Whiteside 6.5, Owens 6, Baker 6, Doss 6, Vail 6.5, Gadsby 6, Gibson 6, Blair 6, Nagy 7, French 6.5, Clarey 7 (injured, sub. Daperis 60th).

GEORGE CROSS: Matsson 5, (injured, sub. Rice 7, half time), Cutler 6.5, Webb 7, Maitland 6, Barron 6, Mirak 6.5, Wilkinson 6.5, Castiello 6, Paparas 6.5, Clarey 7, Reed 7.

The non-stop chasing of strikers Robert Cullen and Ken Reed rescued George Cross from the brink of despair and helped put the Cross into the State League Cup top four series.

But Hakoah also stayed in the top four on goal average, ahead of Slavia and Sunshine which finished level with Hakoah on points.

The top four are Essendon-Croatia, Preston-Makedonia, George Cross and Hakoah.

The State League Cup series starts on Sunday, October 8, the week after the Dockerty Cup final.

With Hakoah playing controlled soccer to hold onto a 1-1 result, George Cross' position did not look promising in the second half.

Graham French had cancelled out Billy Wilkinson's sixth-minute headed goal and David Baker was playing superbly in Hakoah's defence.

However, Reed and especially Cullen kept on fighting for every ball and the George Cross defence kept on pushing the team forward.

Finally, only four minutes from the end, Cullen had an attempt at goal parried by keeper Bill Whiteside, the ball ran loose and Robert Mirak followed up to put it into the net for the winning goal.

George Cross had climbed into third place, but Hakoah's position remained in doubt until the Slavia v Frankston result came through. That game was drawn 0-0, leaving Hakoah ahead of Slavia on goal average.

Without doubt, John Sanchez has done a great job in lifting George Cross.



George Cross' Robert Mirak carried shoulder-high by jubilant fans.

up the ladder, just as Frank Mide deserves praise for lifting Hakoah to its highest position for 10 years.

Ken Reed was dangerous from the start, brushing aside Anton Doss with ease time and again. As early as the first minute, Reed went past Doss and Baker to the side of the penalty area, but was smothered by Bill Whiteside.

Wilkinson put George Cross into the lead with a speculative header that floated over Whiteside, into the top corner of goal.

A long ball from Paparas created a George Cross break that saw Cullen running from the half-line and side-stepping Baker before shooting, but Whiteside made a brilliant reflex save.

Mike Clarey made a dashing run into the penalty area on the left and squared the ball to Gibson whose attempt was repelled. Graham French tried a shot which bounced off Svez Matsson.

Derek Barron, the cross-bar and another defender, back into the net.

Matsson was hurt in that incident and replaced at half time by Gerry Rice. Just after half time Les Nagy played a good ball to Gibson making a run through the middle, unopposed. Gibson shot but Rice made a very good save.

John Daperis came on for Hakoah in the 60th minute to replace Mike Clarey who had injured his leg in the first half.

Despite the injury, Clarey had been Hakoah's most dangerous forward - the only one who could take on opponents and beat them to goal adventures.

Hakoah had two excellent scoring chances before George Cross wrapped it up.

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John Yzendoorn of Slavia is the 'Soccer Action' - Riversdale Travel Victorian State League player of the year.

He won the award, which carries a holiday for two to Surfers Paradise, by one vote from Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia.

The Rothmans goalkeeping award went to Bill Whiteside of Hakoah, who will receive \$250 for his effort.

In the player of the year voting, Yzendoorn polled six 3s and three 2s, while Cumming polled five 3s, three 2s and two 1s.

Yzendoorn and Whiteside will be presented with their awards later in the season.

Last round votes: FRANKSTON v SLAVIA 3 Yzendoorn (Slavia) 2 Thompson (Slavia) 1 Train (Slavia)

ALTONA v JUVENTUS 2 Kelly (Alt) 1 Watters (Alt) MAKEDONIA v ALBION 3 McMillan (Mak) 2 Fawkes (Mak) 1 Oliver (Alb)

SUNSHINE v RINGWOOD 3 Laing (Suns) 2 Pocock (Suns) 1 Lowe (Suns) CROATIA v GREEN GULLY 3 Patten (Gully) 2 Cumming (Cro) 1 Davidson (Cro)

HAKOAH v GEORGE CROSS 3 Baker (Hak) 2 Cullen (Geo) 1 Clarey (Hak)

Final standings 24 Yzendoorn (Slavia) 23 Cumming (Cro) 20 Short (Slavia) 18 Whiteside (Hak) 17 McClymont (Mak)

14 Cain (Gully) Gardiner (Cro), Reed (Geo), 13 Bernard (Mak), Carnaby (Ring) Cullen (Geo)

12 Coulson (Ring) Kerr (Cro), Blair (Hak) Patten (Gully), Davidson (Alt) 11 van der Poel (Alt), McCarthy (Gully), Pocock (Suns)

10 Irvine (Frank), Hotson (Juve), Blair (Lay), MacGregor (Frank) 9 Kokoska (Cro), Banovic (Cro), Lesbirel (Mak)

8 Williams (Slavia), Brown (Alt), Krcovic (Cro), Paparas (Geo), Mitten (Alb) Baker (Hak), Clarey (Hak), Fawkes (Mak), Train (Slavia)

7 Denys (Ajax), Sabidussi (Juve), Walker (Juve), Adams (Suns), Patten (Slavia), Clarey (Hak), Lewis (Alt), Ellis (Suns)

6 Taylor (Alt), Murphy (Cro), Peterson (Frank), Banagan (Frank), Mifsud (Geo), Wilding (Ring), D. Nelson (Suns), R. Nelson (Suns), Watkins (Juve), Adams (Ring), Little (Alt), Davidson (Alt)

5 Petrovski (Mak), L. Thompson (Gully), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Carr (Gully), Muselli (Suns), Clarke (Slavia) Oliver (Alt)

Leading goalkeepers: 17 Patten (Slavia), 14 Clarey (Hak) McMillan (Mak) 12 Cumming (Cro), 10 Reed (Geo)

8 D. Nelson (Suns), Krcovic (Cro), 7 Segi (Gully) Mitten (Alt), Cullen (Geo), McCormack (Lay), Macgregor (Frank), Paparas (Geo), C. Lucchesi (Juve)

6 Vojtek (Cro), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Tribuzio (Gully) Luyten (Ring), Pocock (Suns), Brown (Alt), Glennon (Mak)

5 Eadie (Frank), Bernard (Mak), Murphy (Cro), Carr (Gully), McIntyre (Alb), Kerr (Cro) Taylor (Alt) French (Mak) Little (Alt)

4 Craig (Hak), Webster (Frank), Gilder (Cro), Thorn (Ring), Gibson (Mak), Davidson (Cro), Laing (Suns).

Slavia falls at last hurdle FRANKSTON CITY 0 SLAVIA 0

Slavia hit crossbar, posts and out-stretched legs, but in the end the players were kicking themselves.

The reason the 0-0 draw with Frankston saw Slavia lose its place in the top four, and ended the season for the Prhran outfit.

Slavia had 90% of the game, but couldn't get the ball into the back of the net, leaving coach Harry Oakley and his players utterly frustrated and dejected.

Frankston was disappointing, but considering the layday club had nothing to go for, the performance wasn't too desultory.

Slavia's best were John Yzendoorn, Frank Thompson, Jim Train and Jim Patten, while only Sandy Irvine and Frank Petersen offered any real resistance.

A.S.P.A. BRANCH MEETS The Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association will meet at Soccer House, St Kilda, tomorrow (Thursday) at 7.30 pm. The executive will meet at 7 pm.

Player of the week JOHN YZENDOORN of Slavia is the State League player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at the superb Nickleby's of Carlton.

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## ZIKA NIKOLIC

Raspored na tabeli Drzavne lige Viktorije nije samo napredovao, već i finansijski najstabilniji. Eastwood/CRATIA, MAKEDONIA, George Cross i Hanoah. Ove sastavljene četvorka donose ubuduće takmičenje i na provincijalnim takmičenjima. MAKEDONIA priznaje trofej, ali i Mioder Hakoah mora izmisliti, iako je sretno zauzeo četvrti mesto u prvenstvu. Svakako, Croatia je favorit broj 1.

**J.U.S.T. U ADELAI**  
Savremeni neoklasici Crković je sa svojim momcima bio gost Juventusa iz Adelaide ove nedelje. Juventus je porazan dobar trener za Phillips Kupa, pa je porazan JUST da odigne prijateljski utakmicu. Pavić su popularni u ovom gradu zbog loze i fer igre.

JUST je pobedio sa 3:2 (10:0) poate loze i zanimljive igre. Gladstone oko 1500. Kisa je glavni razlog što su mnogi ljubitelji nogometa ostali pored televizije.

Stranci za JUST: Mendo Ristovski, Dragan Vasic, Josip Plicanov, Juventus je pri povratku, ali tak u drugu poluvremenu kada su postignuti četiri gola. Posle toga JUST je imao uvek prednost.

Sastav JUST-a: Boland, Nazabent, Kazi, Ristic, Kondorovic, Rujovic, Pelinkovic (Karic od 75. minuta), Nicolaides, Plicanova, Kasic (Kriaric od 75. minuta), Ristovski.

### WINFIELD CUP

Drugi tim JUST-a se vratio namučno dok nije savladao borbeni sastav Chelsea sa 1:0 (10:0) lepin, ali sretnim golom koji je postigao Milan Kazanovski u 76. minuti. Sudija je u prvom poluvremenu ponistio krasan gol Chelsea zbog navedenog ofsajda, koji svakako nije ušao na zgoditak. JUST je imao dosta prilika da postigne više golova, ali navela je bila jako neprecizna. Dva puta je Dusan Atanasovski mogao grubim da unese loptu u mrežu, ali se zbunio i uplazio. Petar Petec Petec je presao pet cent igrača, ali se usudio porodi gola.

JUST se tak zasluzeno plasirao u drugo kolo Winfield Cupa.

Sastav JUST-a: Ostrowsky, Kmic, Karic, Donski, Cencina je ove godine igrao odlično i fer, pa je u jakom konkurentu ubedljivo zauzeo prvo mesto.

Posle finalne utakmice sa JUST-ovim juniori odlaze na JUST-ovo igraliste, gde će roditelji pripremiti zakusku, a pojedina će biti dodeljena specijalni trofej.

**PROVINCIONALNI KUP**  
**CENTRAL ALTONA** — Ballarat 3:1 (1:0). Zbog televizijskog prenosa bok-sarskog meca iz Amerike, meca nije bilo, ali je Central Altona bez podrške navijača igralo dobro i zasluzeno podelio sa 3:1 (1:0). Uvrat odbrana je bila bolji deo time, dok je navela spavala navied deo utakmice. Stranci za Central Altona: Djordje Markovski 2 gola u 60. i 68. minuti i Lazar Lazarević u 25. minuti. Najbolji igrač Central Altona bili su Naumovski, kapetan John Serevski i golman Serevski.

Sastav Central Altona: Serevski, Stankovski, Tundjevski, Trajkovski, Naumovski, John Serevski, Lazarević (Miko Serevski), Stojanovski (Vasiljevski), Markovski, Dusanovski, Mirovski.

U drugom kolu Central Altona igra kao gost protiv Keyborough.

**CARLTON/SRBIA** — Royal Park 3:2 (2:0). Neoklasika ali zasluženo pobeda Srbije, koja je malo opuštena pred kraj utakmice. Stranci za Srbiju: Bjelogrić 2 i Milenković 1.

Sastav Carlton Altona: Serevski, Stankovski, Tundjevski, Trajkovski, Naumovski, John Serevski, Lazarević (Miko Serevski), Stojanovski (Vasiljevski), Markovski, Dusanovski, Mirovski.

U drugom kolu Central Altona igra kao gost protiv Keyborough.

**BOX HILL 2** (Berardini, Shermani, COLLINGWOOD CITY 2 (Fereja, Vamvoudis) Box Hill won 4-2 on penalties.

**BOX HILL**: Morgan, White, Corke, Waskley (left off 31st min), Patterson, McCleod (Ramoni), Homer, Sherman, Tuffield, Berardini, Taylor.

**COLLINGWOOD**: Courtneis, Borkas, Goutzouvilis, G. Tsakalidis, Kovilcas, Katsouris, Tsilapas, Papilou, Sahlidis (Vamvoudis), T. Tsakalidis, Fereja.

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**WAVERLEY CITY 0 CROYDON CITY 5** (Lowrey 2, Wyllie, Hamilton, Frost).

**WAVERLEY**: Keogh, Capella, Buch, Ford, Binding, O'Hea, Millers, Storey, Armin, Greenwood, Martino, Saba, Gligoric, Barwin.

**CROYDON**: Edwards, Brown, McCombe, Pongho, Smith, Trent, Lowrey, Smith, Murphy, Hamilton, Wyllie, Subs Fowler, Hobson.

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# Heddergott here soon

By LEN MCKENDRY  
Victorian Director of Coaching

Victorian coaches, and those aspiring to be coaches, will have the opportunity next month to learn from Karl-Heinz Heddergott, one of the leading men in his field.

Heddergott, the West German Director of Coaching will arrive in Melbourne on October 12.

I am arranging for him to conduct a session for school teachers and students the following morning.

In the evening, Heddergott will conduct a session for junior and senior coaches probably at Olympic Park.

Heddergott's visit is being sponsored by Coca Cola.

Australia's new national coach Rudi Gutendorf will attend the two sessions conducted by Heddergott, who is in charge of the training of all West German Bundesliga coaches.

Heddergott's visit will help to reinforce the methods we are adopting in Australia, as the West German and Dutch coaching methods are the same as those we are introducing here.

I expect him to stress the importance of improving basic technique while placing less emphasis on the physical side of training among young age groups.

Junior coaches in particular will learn a tremendous amount from him.

Exact venues and times of Heddergott's coaching sessions will be announced soon in "Soccer Action."

## Yarraville back?

The VFA Appeals Board stunned the District League management last Wednesday when it did not uphold Yarraville's suspension.

The Board found some points in Yarraville's favour and referred the matter back to the Tribunal for further consideration.

If Yarraville is reinstated, matches awarded to opponents would have to be replayed, playing havoc with the league table.

Meanwhile everything points to a grandstand finish in both First and Second Divisions of the District League next week.

With only one round left, second place in both divisions is in the balance and the fixtures take on a final four aspect.

In the First Division, Nunawading United held on to second place with a good win over Gladstone Park, and this week faces third-placed Regent, with promotion as the prize.

In Division Two, Thornbury took the title, trouncing North Melbourne 5-1.

Thornbury's Bill Hestepille scored a hat-trick and brothers Peter and Con Lachouda got the others.

Free-scoring Hawkburn banged in four without reply against promotion hopeful Mooroolbark, thanks to Steve Lazzio 2, 2 Palinkas and Ignacous and this week faces third-placed Clifton Hill for the second promotion spot.

Hawkburn's firsts need five goals to bring up the century and the reserves have scored 52.

South Oakleigh, already assured of the championship, had a field day

against Hampton, thanks to the brilliance of Terry Kondocostas.

He scored one goal and others came from George Katsalakis (2), Bill Katsalakis, Steve Babatola and a penalty by goalkeeper Tom Tsalidis completed the tally of six.

The Greeks arrived on Monday in the capital of Armenia, confident of a good result that will strengthen their chance of reaching the finals.

Their optimism was due mainly to the Greek Soccer Federation's pardon of George Delikaris, thus ending the superstar's two-year suspension from international matches.

Delikaris, known as the Greek George Best, has made more international appearances than any of the other squad members, so he will be captain today.

The Russian team is based upon stars of Dynamo Kiev. Seven Kiev players have been included by Russian coach Syrenenko. They are Blokhin, Konopel, Veresov, Kolotov, Bourne, Baredonov and Vassonov.

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South Oakleigh, standing from left: M. Milios (player-coach), S. Babatolas (captain), T. Tsalidis, J. Aizitis, P. Paktivandis, P. Tsalidis. Front: M. Kikis, T. Kontokostas, B. Kamblikis, K. Tsalidis, G. Kamblikis. Not pictured: T. Tzanos, P. Kallimakis, G. Karkianis, A. Papathanas, F. Fotopoulos, N. Apostolopoulos, J. Balis and A. Balis.

## The mighty Milios men

Victorian District League champion, South Oakleigh will celebrate its promotion to the Provisional League by flying to Sydney next month for a match against Gladstoneville.

A return game between the two teams will be played in Melbourne.

Playing-coach Menos Milios did an excellent job in making South Oakleigh by far the best team in the District League this year.

Before last weekend's postponed game, South Oakleigh led the First Division by six clear points;

with a goal average of 51:19.

In building his team, Milios brought brothers Basil and George Kamblikis from Western Suburbs (Vic.), M. Mika from Chelsea and George Karagiallis from Collingwood City.

Bill Kamblikis is South Oakleigh's top scorer, with 13 goals, followed by Kondocostas, Papatas, George Kamblikis and Tsalidis.

Backing up an excellent defence was goalkeeper Tsalidis who had a very good season.

## DELIKARIS PARDON

By ELIAS DOUNOUDIS

The Greek national team will meet the Soviet Union in Yerevan today (Wednesday) in the European nations championship.

Before the pardon came through for Delikaris, Greek national coach Alkatas Panagoulas said: "I need Delikaris in my squad for the match against the Russians, as I do not have another player like him."

"If the Greek Federation decides to continue his suspension, I will be forced to change completely the tactics I have in mind for the match in Yerevan."

Panagoulas will pick the remaining 10 players from among the following: CHRISTIDIS, RAVOUSIS, Nicoloudis, MANOS KAPIS, TERZANDIS, Arvanitis, KYRASTAS, Ioilidis, Damaskis, PALLAS, Piro, ZIAKOS, TSIKOLIGI, KANTHOPOLIS, GESSIOS, KONTOGORGAKIS, Mitropoulos, Kakaris, L. Ppaleonou (not the famous star who played for Fitzroy-Altona a few seasons ago).

The players in capital letters toured Australia with the Greek national squad last year.

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George Delikaris (right) is given a congratulatory hug from his Panathinaikos team-mate Livinthis, after Delikaris was pardoned by the Greek Federation.

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## Chairman hits out

Mr Law Strasser, is disappointed that only one third of his club bothered to nominate players for the league's representative squad.

"Most clubs showed no interest, even after being pushed. It does not say much for their administration," Mr Strasser said.

The Provisional League representative team will play against a Latrobe Valley select side on October 22.

Players nominated by clubs based in northern and western suburbs, for a trial match at McPherson Park, Melton, on October 1 at 10 am are:

BALLARAT: R. Romani, P. Smith; GEELONG: None; HAMLYN RANGERS: None; HOTAM: Los Fuentebas, Jorge Andrades; WILLIAMSTOWN: Andy Divic, Zvonko Mecanovic; BENDIGO: None; CARLTON: None; CENTRAL: ROSERBA: None; EAST BRUNSWICK: Vince Tolovaro, Tony Pero; MELTON: Harbie Esmann, C. Gatz; ROYAL PARK: Yasar Bahic, Turpay Letif; SUNBURY: Alan Blackley, David Clarke.

Players from southern and eastern suburbs, who will play a trial match at Mahoney's Reserve, Forest Hill, at 10 pm on September 24, are:

FRANKSTON PINES: None; GREENSBOROUGH: Darryl Beer, Robert Keenan; KEYSBOROUGH: Bylyle Durnell, Steve Easton; LANGSHAR: R. Chris Burnett, Ian Smith; NORTH DANDENONG: John Byrne, Dave Wainwright; NUNAWADING: W. West, K. Middleton; ROSERBA: Tom Schultz, Derek Thomas; BULLEEN: None; HAWTHORN: None; LARAINGAL: Mark Constanter, Peter Towers; SOUTH DANDENONG: Claude Guillemin, Chris Caploux, THOMASTOWN: None.

Coach of the Provisional League squad is Ian Petherick.

The Provisional League's presentation dinner-dance will be held at Latrobe University on Saturday, October 28.

## Shoulder's men 'shadow team'

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Gutendorf's first task is to take the national under 19 team to New Zealand in November for qualifying games for the world youth championship.

To help him select a youth team he is asking the States to field their youth sides in trial matches which he will watch.

Gutendorf hopes some of the under 19 players will prove good enough for the senior national team.

But he is experienced enough to realise that young players alone cannot be successful in international soccer.

"Experience, power and youth are the best mixture," he said.

He said experience was vital for goalkeepers, so the best of them were generally in their late twenties or early thirties.

He added he wanted at least one older, experienced defender and at least one experienced midfielder.

Forwards did not necessarily need as much experience as defenders and midfielders, he said.

As a general rule, a good player is a good player regardless of his age.

"If I find an outstanding player personality I will not ask him how old he is," Gutendorf said.

Just before he left West Germany, Gutendorf turned down an offer to coach Bundesliga club MSV Duisburg, which he coached previously in 1963.

He also coached VfB Stuttgart, Schalke 04, Muenchen 1860, Hamburger SV and Tennis Borussia in Germany, coaching in Switzerland, St. Louis Stars in the U.S. Sporting Crystal in Peru and the Chilean national team.

Gutendorf said that although the national team was his major concern, he would also work with amateur clubs and club coaches to help raise the standard of football in Australia.

"My 20 years in football have shown me that the national coach is nothing without the help of club coaches," he said.

He said the men used by previous coach Jim Shoulder must be regarded as the "shadow national team."

"We must start with these and include others as they prove themselves," he said.

The Soccerero's style of play will be basically the same as the style used in the German Bundesliga and by most of the top teams in the world.

Basically, it relies on attack from defence, with players dropping back to cover spaces left by those committing themselves to attack.

"Aggressively offensive football will be the aim — but it will not be irresponsible for the defensive aspect will be just as important," he said.

One of the most interesting points Gutendorf made was that the national squad must include specialist reserve players.







